

# Weekly Video Update, June 22, 2026

## Jamie Gilmore, Select Board Clerk

Good morning, Scituate, it's Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and this is your weekly news update. I'm Jamie Gilmore, Clerk of the Select Board along with Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. I'll turn it over to Jim in a moment but first a few updates from me.

First, today is the last day of school! Because of that, the School Committee will pause their attendance in these updates until school goes back into session in September.

On the government side of things, there are a number of meetings this week. Visit [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov) for the complete listing along with times and locations. Two meetings to note. First, tonight the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a special meeting on a new 40B development at 210 First Parish Road. You can attend in person at Town Hall or virtually on Zoom. The meeting starts at 7 pm. An important note here: this is an informational meeting. The ZBA is only listening to the plans and no decisions will be made. Public comment will be available, but remember this is just the first of many meetings regarding this project.

Meanwhile the Select Board will be meeting Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Town Hall. There are several items on the agenda including a request from Front Street restaurant Casa Verde for outdoor seating... and we'll also hear from our Chief of Police Mark Thompson and Fire Chief Mark Donovan about public safety preparations for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend. Again, the meeting starts at 6:30 in Town Hall and of course you can attend via zoom too.

Finally, yesterday was the first day of Summer and that means this week it's time for the summer reading celebrations at the Scituate Town Library. First, on Wednesday the kids summer reading program kicks off at 5 pm at the library. There will be games and swag bags at the start and then at 6 pm there will be a thrilling performance by the Clown Care variety show. The following night, on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> the summer reading kick-off for teens and tweens happens. It starts at 5 pm and runs until 8 pm. There will be pizza, video games, mini golf and more. Both events happen at the library so swing on by for all the fun.

And with that, I'll turn it over to our Town Administrator Jim Boudreau. Good morning, Jim.

## Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Today is the last day of school. This means more children will be out and about walking, biking, etc. Please use extra caution when driving around town.
2. **Beach Stickers are now required to park at all beaches. SPD will be patrolling our beaches.**
  - All beaches are now staffed: Minot, Peggotty, Humarock, and Egypt.

- Lifeguard hours are 10 AM – 5 PM. Have a fun and safe summer!

### 3. DPW Updates

- Water level updates for the week. Tack Factory Pond is -1” last week it was 0”. The Reservoir is at -5.5” down from last week of -1.5”. Rainfall was .42” measured at TP. At this point a year ago both Tack Factory Pond and the reservoir were positive, at +1” and +0.5” respectfully. Since January 1 of this year our area has seen a deficit of rainfall of more than 9”.

Demand for past week was at 1.730 mgpd, up significantly from 1.510 million gallons per day last week.

- We want to remind everyone we are in Tier 2 water restrictions. No inground irrigation systems allowed. Hand held hose only before 9 and after 5. The Water department will be issuing warnings followed by fines for any violations. Residents are encouraged to take all measures to conserve water

- Please sign up for the new Smart 911 Alert system so they get alerts about the Water Restrictions

#### **Emergency Alert System – Smart911**

We urge and encourage all residents to sign up to receive these alerts to your phone and/or email. It is important to enter your address in the event that reverse 911 calls affect a certain area of town. To register, visit:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action?lpse=1>

We will also be putting signs in the COA and other town buildings with a QR code residents can use to access the new registration system. Be aware that calls will come from 833-533-6163.

See the Town web site for additional details.

- The Water Department is continuing work on Rte 3A in the vicinity of the new water treatment plant. We are installing a water line from the well at the bottom of the hill at First Parish to the new treatment plant. This work will take several weeks. Please use caution when traveling in the work zone.

### 4. Golf Carts

With the arrival of the nice weather, Scituate police want to remind residents that per Mass Law, vehicles must qualify as a Low-speed Vehicle and meet state and federal safety requirements to travel on public ways. Vehicles must be:

- Must be registered, titled, insured and inspected through the RMV
- May only operate on roads with posted speed limits of 30 MPH or less
- Valid driver’s license or learner’s permit is required.

Visit Scituate Police Facebook, or contact them directly with any questions.

**5. 2026 Dog Licenses**

Section 30400 of the Town of Scituate General By-Laws mandates the yearly licensing of all dogs. Every dog age six (6) months or older must be licensed by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Existing dog licenses expire June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fees (cash or check) are: Male/Female.....\$15.00 each dog  
Neutered/Spayed.....\$10.00 each dog

Cash or check.

Dog owners over 70 & Certified Service Dogs - No fee

Licensing is available at the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours. Dog

License forms are available on the Town Clerk’s page of the Town website.

If licensing by mail, please allow for mailing time, especially if you intend to board your dog in a kennel.

*PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG.*

**6. Piping Plovers**

Now that we are in the summer season, our plovers are back in Scituate nesting. Our monitoring shows significant disturbance in these protected areas. The most frequent disturbance across all sites were off-leash dogs. **51 dogs** were recorded off-leash in and around nesting areas since March 15<sup>th</sup>. These instances were reported to the Animal Control Officer.

Beach bikes including battery operated bikes are also becoming an increasing occurrence and tracks have been found on **5 occasions**. Beach bikes, especially those travelling at high speeds area a severe risk to piping plover and least tern chicks, eggs, and nests. Trespassing by people and dogs into closed areas has been recorded **3 times** on Third Cliff and have been reported to the MEP, Animal control and state wildlife officials. Please do not disregard signage and enter into closed areas.

**7.** Scituate Food Pantry is facing unprecedented demand and uncertainty as the Government shut down is impacting SNAP benefits. They want residents to know that if you are at risk of losing SNAP benefits the Food Pantry is here to help. The Food Pantry is open to all Scituate residents, just bring an ID or proof of residency. Not only will they provide you food assistance in the form of fresh, shelf-stable and frozen foods, they will also provide you with information about other local programs where you can get extra support.

Please help the food pantry as we head into the holiday season. Most needed Items:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Potatoes
- BBQ Sauce
- Tomato Sauce/Paste
- Jello/Jello Pudding
- Hamburger Helper/Knorr sides

- Instant Coffee Reg/Decaf
- Chocolate Cake Mix
- Microwave Popcorn

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Shaw's and now the **Scituate Pharmacy** also collect items for the Pantry. You can go to [scituatefoodpantry.com](http://scituatefoodpantry.com) for more information.

8. Interested in potentially working for the Town? Explore the latest job openings in the Town of Scituate!  
Visit <https://www.scituatema.gov/town-administrator/pages/job-opportunities> to see the roles we're currently hiring for.
9. Meetings:
  - Monday: ZBA
  - Tuesday: Select Board, Design Review
  - Wednesday:
  - Thursday: Planning Board
  - Friday:
  - Saturday: Minot Beach Clean-up
10. Make sure to check out the Scituate Community TV YouTube Channel for Town of Scituate updates on news, school events & sports, and community programs. Also, make sure you register for Town of Scituate emails by going to the web-site and clicking on "Subscribe to News". Follow the Town on Facebook.

### **Available Bids, Quotes and Proposals**

Explore the Town of Scituate's available bids, quotes, and proposals opportunities by visiting the government section of the Town of Scituate website and accessing the "Available Bids, Quotes, and Proposals" page.

### **Job Opportunities**

Visit the Town of Scituate website and click the employment icon on the homepage to discover the latest job openings.