

Weekly Video Update, March 28, 2022

Maura Curran , Select Board Member

Ms. Curran provided a report on meetings and deadlines this week:

- Board of Health meets tonight (3/28/22) at 6 PM
- Friday, April 1 property tax exemption applications are due for seniors and veterans. Town Assessor, Joe Divito made a video that explains exemptions which can be found on the website.
- Friday, April 1st signature papers are due if you wish to run for an elected position.
- Saturday, rain barrels that have been purchased can be picked up at the Transfer Station.

Finally, on Thursday, March 30th, we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary with our sister city Sucy-en-brie. A celebration will be held at the Performing Arts Center at 10:00 AM and the Deputy Mayor will be joining us. Ms. Curran thanked the Sister City Project.

James Boudreau, Town Administrator

Covid Update:

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 10, up from 8 of last week. The schools reported 11 cases for the past week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 18, also up slightly from the 15 reported last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 1.71% up from 1.36% of last week. Plymouth County is at 1.71%, almost the same as last week 1.75%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 2.08% up from the previous week of 1.68%.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. We are working on finishing the last punch items on the widows walk clubhouse project. The Hibernian Restaurant on Front Street in the Harbor has been awarded the concession for the new facility at the club. Furniture is expected to arrive and be installed this week. Ian and his staff are working on getting the Pro shop all set up and they will be ready to go for the start of the Golfing season this week. A reminder that the course is closed to walkers as the grounds crew prepares the course for opening on April 1.
3. The Scituate Water Division has started to complete necessary maintenance work on the Granular Activated Carbon Filter at the Old Oaken Bucket Water Treatment Plant. The Carbon Filtration is a critical component of the drinking water purification process at our treatment plant. To perform the work, the Water Treatment Plant will be offline during the duration of the project. Water from Well 17A with the new Greensand Filter Plant

will be utilized to help meet the daily water demands while the Treatment Plant is offline. This maintenance is scheduled to last from March 23rd through April 11th. During this time frame the Scituate Water Division is issuing a Full Ban on all outdoor water use. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

4. If you have been down the Driftway or to the Transfer Station lately you will have seen the electronic sign reminding people that annual transfer station stickers expire this Thursday, 3/31 and you will need a new sticker starting on Friday, April 1st. Stickers can be purchased on line or in person at the Treasurer's office here at the Town Hall. Stickers are \$90 for residents and \$55 for people over 70.
5. Time to get ready. Town Meeting is two weeks from tonight at the High School and starts at 7:00 pm. The Advisory Booklet and Town Meeting Warrant are available on the Town web site <https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/annual-and-special-town-meeting-april-11-2022>