

Weekly Video Update, May 1, 2023

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +1", last week we were +1.5". Tack Factory Pond is at +1.75" down from +2". Average daily demand was at 1.234 MGD up from my last report at 1.097 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .41" measured at the Plant (does not include yesterday's rain).

The water department is planning on continuing spring flushing of the water mains this week.

- Country Way from Rotary to Beaver Dam Road, Elm Street, and Cudworth
- Stockbridge Road and Common Street from Country Way to First Parish Road
- Driftway and New Kent from rotary to First Parish Road, and all the side streets in this area.

Look at the Town web site later today for information.

The Town will be imposing our annual water conservation measures starting today, May 1. Between May 1-September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week based on voting precincts. This is a ban imposed by the state based on water usage in the aquifer region that Scituate belongs to. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

2. The Town's annual spring clean-up, Ship Shape Day, will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8 AM – 1 Pm. Trash bags and other supplies can be picked-up at the Town Hall or the Humarock Post Office (Humarock Post Office until 12:30). DPW crews will pick up the trash on Monday. This is great event and really helps keep Scituate clean. Last year approximately 9 tons of trash was collected on Ship Shape Day.
3. The Annual Town Election will be held on May 20th at the SHS Gym.
Poll hours are 8AM-6PM.
May 10th-The deadline to register to vote (if you are not already registered in Scituate).
Absentee ballots will be available to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office the first week in May. The deadline to absentee vote in person is noon on May 19th.
Vote by Mail Applications and a "Sample" ballot can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the Town Web site at www.scituatema.gov, click on Government, then click on Town Clerk, and click on the red banner at the top of the page and you will see the attachments at the bottom. Print, fill out and submit the "Vote by Mail" form to the Town clerk's office only if you would like a ballot mailed.
The deadline to request a mailed ballot is May 15th.

Mailed ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office or Town Hall drop box prior to the close of the polls (6PM) on election day. They should not be brought to the polls on election day.

Please remember to sign your early ballot envelope. In addition, the Town Clerk wants to remind voters that you need to fill in the oval for the person of your choice, not check marks or "x". Failure to complete the ballot properly slows down the counting process.

4. The Town of Scituate and the Veteran Services Department extends an invitation to participate in our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023.

The Ceremonies will begin at 8am with the flotilla underway leaving from the Harbormaster's Office for the throwing of wreath to honor those "Lost at Sea" any questions please contact Commander@scituatepost144.org Participants in the parade will form between 10:00 -10:30 AM at the Scituate Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The parade will step off at 10:30 AM sharp and proceed down First Parish Road to Lawson Common. The Lawson Common Ceremony will begin at @ 11:15am. In the event of inclement weather only the ceremony will be held at the G.A.R. Hall at 11AM. The G.A.R. Hall has limited capacity. There will be handicap parking at the east end of the Common and also, a handicap porta-potty on site.

5. The Town's Contractor, National Water Main, will begin the first phase of our sewer Inflow and Infiltration project (I&I) this week. They will begin inspecting pipes in the Eqypt Ave and Alden areas, moving into Sand Hills in the coming weeks. After the investigation process is complete, they will return and begin the process of cleaning and lining the sewer pipes. I&I work makes repairs to our sewer pipes, removing ground water and storm water from the system, thereby increasing our capacity to treat sewerage, reducing costs by taking flow out of the waste stream and helping prevent blockages by making repairs to the system. Questions-please call the sewer department at 781-545-8736.
6. The Scituate Senior Center will be hosting "A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention" on Tuesday, May 9 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Senior Center. Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in the community safe. The program is being sponsored by the local chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
7. Fencing is up on Central Field as we begin the project to add a new softball diamond and repair and existing baseball diamond. This is a CPC funded project that will continue until late spring/early summer.
8. Final update: I had reported previously that the flag pole at the stadium field at Scituate High had broken and that we were awaiting parts. I am pleased to report that the pole has been repaired and Old Glory is once again flying proudly at the stadium field.

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Vice Chair

Mr. Goodrich encourages everyone to get involved in our local committees. Meetings this week:

Tonight (5/1): Conservation is meeting hybrid

Tuesday(5/2): Cole Parkway Redevelopment at the Library at 6 PM, Scituate West Cork Sister City at 5 PM at the Senior Center

Wednesday(5/3): Waterways meets at the Maritime Center at 6 PM.

All Agendas can be found on the town website www.scituatema.gov

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 5.1.23

Time Take (TT)

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@ This Week's Top 3:

- School Committee Meeting
- Welcome New School Committee Member
- Celebrating Staff

School Committee Meeting tonight (5.1.23 at 6pm): Agenda Highlights

- Student Report, SHS
- Celebrating Student Learning: METCO new "Anchor Program"
- Superintendent's "State of the District" report

Welcome New School Committee Member

- In a special of the Select Board and School Committee, Mr. Richard Hebert was appointed to a short- term position through the upcoming town election on May 20, 2023 to the open seat on the school committee. We congratulate and welcome Mr. Hebert as he attends his first meeting tonight.
- We'd like to thank the following community members for applying for the position:
 - Dr. Sheila Kukstis
 - Emily Murphy
 - Richard Taft
 - Natalie Waggener

Celebrating Staff

In recognition of their commitment to geographic education, 50 highly respected educators have been selected as the 15th cohort of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Society Grosvenor Teacher Fellows. Gates educator Kathleen Wilson has been chosen as part of this select group.

The 2023 Fellows will embark on expeditions around the world, including far-flung destinations such as Antarctica, the Galápagos Islands, Australia's Wild Northwest Kimberley region, the Arctic, and beyond, on board Lindblad Expeditions' state-of-the-art expedition vessels to enhance their geographic knowledge with hands-on, field-based experiences that they will bring back to their classrooms, communities, and professional networks. Congratulations Ms. Wilson for modeling lifelong learning!