

## **Weekly Video Update, May 30, 2023**

### **Maura Curran, Select Board**

Ms. Curran thanked all who organized yesterday's Memorial Day Ceremony; the Veterans Advisory Council, American Legion, VFW, DPW, and Bob Chessia for being a great host. Special thanks to the American Legion for leading the parade with their color guard and managing the flag ceremony. Thank you to all!

Select Board meeting is tonight and we welcome our newest member Susan Harrison.

First Friday is this week so please support your local businesses and kick off summer.

Scituate High Graduation is Friday at 6 PM. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Meetings this week:

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Select Board at 6 PM

Cole Parkway Re-Development Committee at 6 PM.

Thursday: Advisory at 7 PM

All agendas can be found on the website <https://www.scituatema.gov>

### **Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. Water update. We are at +.50", last week we were +3". Tack Factory Pond is at +1.5" down from +7". Average daily demand was at 1.592 MGD up from last week's 1.493 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was trace amounts measured at the Plant.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started 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 Iron/Manganese pilot project is expected to be ready for inspection on June 5, putting it on schedule to be ready for the heavy summer water usage period. As we have discussed previously, this is a project to remove the iron and manganese that has built up in the reservoir and comes out in the water as the temperatures rise and water levels fall. We believe that this was a main cause of our brown water issues last year and that this will go along way to helping minimize brown water while we build a new treatment plant.

3. The contractor for the lighthouse project, Campbell Construction, has mobilized on the site. Installation of the fencing is complete. The contractor has begun remediation work on the glazing compound of the lantern room windows. When this is completed the lantern room will be prepared for transportation off site to the contractor's facility where it will serve as a template for the new lantern room. That movement is scheduled to take place later this week. Work on the actual light house tower began last week. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.
4. The gas company is scheduled to continue work this on the installation of a new gas line on Jericho Road. Crews will be working Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm and the project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks. Jericho Road will be open but will be reduced to one lane in spots during construction. Detail officers will assist with traffic and there is signage in place for alternate routes. Please use caution when traveling through the construction zone and seek alternate routes if possible.
5. Recreation Director Nick Lombardo has announced that the Town's annual on beach life guard training exercise will take place on June 14th in the afternoon at Peggotty Beach. This annual training involves all of our summer life guards, as well as the Harbormaster, Police, Fire and EMS. Lifeguards will begin staffing the beaches on Friday, June 16th.
6. The Scituate Town Library, in partnership with the Scituate Recreation Department, is excited to announce the newly installed Little Free Library at Peggotty Beach! Funding for the Little Free Library was generously made possible through a grant from the [Scituate Education Foundation](#). Initial stock of books for the launch, and ongoing supply, has been provided by the Friends of the Scituate Town Library.

How does a Little Free Library work? Little Free Libraries operate on a shared "leave a book, take a book" philosophy. Headed to the beach and looking for a novel to read? Take one from the Little Free Library! Finish a great novel and want others to enjoy it? Leave it inside the Little Free Library for others to enjoy. The Peggotty Beach Little Free Library is a pilot program. If successful, others may be added at other beaches in Scituate, so if you enjoy it, please let us know!

7. Shellfish Constable Mike DiMeo has announced that the seasonal closure of shellfish beds in the North/South Rivers goes into effect as of midnight, tomorrow May 31<sup>st</sup> and will remain closed until October 31, 2023. This closure is not due to any event or release into the river, but is imposed annually due to "seasonal water quality changes."
8. Fencing is up on Central Field and the project to add a new softball diamond and repair and existing baseball diamond has begun. This is a CPC funded project that will continue until late spring/early summer.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

