

Weekly Video Update, June 12, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Ms. Connolly announced the meetings this week:

Monday, June 12: Board of Health and Economic Development Commission

Tuesday, June 13: Select Board at 6:30 PM and Public Building Commission

Wednesday, June 14: Beach Commission

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

Ms. Connolly announced that the beach signs will be installed very soon at our beaches. Ms. Connolly extended a thank you to the Beach Commission who worked very hard on this project.

Ms. Connolly reminded everyone that we are in water restrictions, but it's really more about water conservation to insure adequate water in the summer months.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +1", last week we were +.50". Tack Factory Pond is at +1.5" same as last week. Average daily demand was at 1.741 MGD up from last week's 1.697 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .53" 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. We would ask again that if people are experiencing brown water to please contact the water department. These are data points that we use to make improvements in the system. It also allows the department to see if the source of your issue is local to your home or neighborhood and take corrective action.
3. The contractor for the lighthouse project, Campbell Construction, has mobilized on the site. Installation of the fencing is complete. The contractor has completed remediation work on the glazing compound of the lantern room windows and the lantern room was

transported off sight Wednesday to the contractor's facility where it will serve as a template for the new lantern room. Work on the actual light house tower has commenced. The concrete slab at the top of the tower has been removed, and work will now begin on the brick work. We are preparing a posting that we will place at the lighthouse that will detail the work being done. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.

4. Recreation Director Nick Lombardo has announced that the Town's annual on beach life guard training exercise will take place this Wednesday, 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. So, if you see fire trucks and public safety personnel at Peggotty Wednesday afternoon, do not be alarmed as they will be taking part in the training. Lifeguards will begin staffing the beaches on Friday, June 16th.
5. 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.
6. Finally, we have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations of bottled water. They are running low on their supply and would appreciate any assistance that people can give. Please keep them in mind with other donations also. The need does not go away with the arrival of the nice weather.
7. First car show is this Thursday, June 15th in Cole Parkway. This is a monthly event. Next car show is July 27. The car show starts at 6:00 pm. Also, the summer band has started in Cole Parkway. Every Thursday evening and First Friday also starting at 6:00 pm. This week the band is Hurricane. For a complete listing, visit the Scituate Harbor Business Association website at <http://www.scituateharborma.com/>
8. A huge shoutout and thank you to the South Shore VO-tech for the tremendous job that they did in refurbishing the 1924 Scituate Fire Truck. The truck was purchased by four retired firefighters and funds were secured through the Community Preservation Act for refurbishment. The truck looks brand new. You can see photos at the Town web site or Scituate FF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ScituateFire>
9. Finally, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, June 19 for Juneteenth. Juneteenth is a holiday to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

So, if you are a regular viewer of our program we will see you next Tuesday.

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 6.12.23

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This Week's Top 2:

- End of School
- Juneteenth

End of School Year (This will be the last SPS weekly report until the start of next school year)

- The official last day of school will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Please check out our website at <https://www.scit.org> or download the Scituate Public Schools app to find more details about the many celebrations (field days, awards nights, 5th grade farewells, etc.) happening this week. This is also a great way to stay connected over the summer as we continue our work on the new Cushing/Hatherly school building project.
- I want to thank our amazing educators and staff for a wonderful school year and wish our students and their families an enjoyable summer break.

Second Annual SPS Juneteenth Event

- There will be no school on Monday, June 19th, as we recognize “Juneteenth.” The SPS will hold its 2nd annual Juneteenth event which aligns with the national recognition of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learning of their freedom 2 1/2 years after the signing of The Emancipation Proclamation. Join us Monday, June 19th at 1pm in the Gates MS commons for a student led celebration and appreciation.