

## **Weekly Video Update May 20, 2024**

### **Susan Harrison, Select Board Clerk**

Ms. Harrison thanked everyone who came out to vote on a rainy Saturday, or dropped off a mail in ballot. Question #1 passed for the Cushing/Hatherly School Project. Thank you to all who ran for town offices including, Moderator, Select Board Member, Board of Assessors, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Library Trustee, and School Committee. Congratulations to all who were elected.

#### Meetings this week:

Monday: Conservation, Board of Health – both virtual meetings

Tuesday: Select Board with an early start time of 6 PM. Congratulations to newest Select Board member, Jamie Gilmore. Other meetings include Water Resources Commission, Scituate Housing Authority, Public Building Commission, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Wednesday: Board of Assessor

Thursday: Planning Board

All meeting agendas can be found on the town website:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2024-05>

On Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Auction at the Library, closes **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5 PM**. The Friends of Scituate Town Library invite you to participate in this year's art auction which features 22 local artists who have generously donated their art work. Proceeds will support the family friendly summer concert series held throughout July.

Next Monday is Memorial Day and there will be no update. There are several Memorial Day Events beginning at 8 AM at the Harbor Master Office and a parade at 10 AM from Town Hall with a ceremony to follow at Lawson Common.

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

1. It's that time of year again with Memorial Day this weekend and the boats returning to the Harbor, that means we will again bring our weekly water updates. These will continue through at least Labor's Day. Tack Factory Pond is at +7" and the Reservoir is +6". Rainfall over the past 7 days was 1.30" measured at the plant. Demand for the past week was 1.274 mgpd.
2. The Annual Town Election was this past Saturday. I want to thank and congratulate Town Clerk Kathy Gardner and her team for another outstanding job running our Town elections. I want to thank outgoing Board Member Maura Curran for her service and support and welcome new Member Jamie Gilmore.
3. With Memorial Day fast approaching, a reminder that beach stickers are required starting Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Stickers can be purchased on line under "Online

Services” on the Town’s web page, in person at the Treasurer’s Office or by mail. Instructions are on the Treasurer’s web page.

4. The Department of Veteran Services and the Town of Scituate will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024, with a parade and ceremonies.

At 8 AM, a ceremony will commence with a flotilla departing from the Scituate Harbormaster's Office at 100 Cole Parkway for the solemn throwing of the wreath in remembrance of those "Lost at Sea." For any inquiries, please contact [Commander@scituatepost144.org](mailto:Commander@scituatepost144.org).

The parade will start at 10 AM, assembling at Scituate Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. At 10:30 AM, the parade will proceed down First Parish Road to Lawson Common.

A ceremony at Lawson Common will begin at 11:15 AM. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will only be held at the Scituate Council on Aging at 11 AM.

Handicap parking with on-site accommodations will be provided at the east end of the Common. Should you need assistance or have any parking-related questions, please approach any uniformed police officer present at the event.

For groups participating in performances or speeches and needing further information, please contact the office at 781-545-8715.

5. The Select Board's office is accepting applications for openings on the following Boards at this time:

- Animal Control Board
- Beautification Commission
- Commission on Disabilities
- Council on Aging
- Public Building Commission
- Scituate Cultural Council
- Water Resources Commission

Applications must be submitted to the Select Board's office by Friday, May 31, 2023. You can obtain applications from the Select Board's office or download them from the Town of Scituate website under Boards and Committees, Select Board, and Board and Committee Application on the left-hand side.

Applicants will be invited to interview with the Select Board in June/July. After the interviews are completed, the Select Board will make appointments.

For descriptions of Boards & Committees, please visit the Town of Scituate website and select the Board/Committee you want to learn more about:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/boards>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Select Board/Town Administrator office @ 781-545-8740 or email [mseghezzi@scituatema.gov](mailto:mseghezzi@scituatema.gov)

6. The Purple Dinosaur Playground renovation will start on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**, and should take approximately 6 weeks, weather permitting. This Community Preservation Committee (CPC) project entails replacing the existing playground equipment with updated structures tailored for children aged 2 to 5. Throughout this time, the playground will not be accessible.
7. Celco will begin replacing the water line on Jericho Road starting next **Tuesday, May 28**. Residents should expect delays when traveling along Jericho.
8. The Scituate Water Department will continue flushing the Town's water pipes. Flushing will continue along Country Way to First Parish. Side streets along the route will also be flushed. This routine maintenance may cause temporary changes, including brown water in both the area of flushing and beyond. Keep an eye out for discoloration and double check before bathing or doing laundry. Questions-call the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.
9. Scituate Water Department wants to remind residents that annual water conservation measures are now in effect and run through September 30. All outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM.  
Between May 1 and September 30, automatic irrigation systems may be used one date per week, as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. See the Town web site for details.
  - a. Properties in Precinct 1 may irrigate lawns on Monday
  - b. Properties in Precinct 2 may irrigate lawns on Tuesday
  - c. Properties in Precinct 3 may irrigate lawns on Wednesday
  - d. Properties in Precinct 4 may irrigate lawns on Thursday
  - e. Properties in Precinct 5 may irrigate lawns on Friday

These restrictions are state restrictions and do not have anything to do with the amount of water in our reservoir or the amount of rainfall that we have experienced. It is imposed on the water basin that Scituate gets our water from.

When Scituate's Reservoir falls to a level of 36 feet (49% full), the Scituate Water Division has the standing authority to implement a total outdoor watering ban. As of May 26, 2015, no new in-ground systems may be connected to the town's drinking water supply. Fines for violating this rule may be levied on the homeowner as well as the system installer.

Violation of these conservation measures may result in fines of up to \$300.00 per day (Scituate Code of General Bylaws, Section 30660).

10. **The Library will be closed this Wednesday, May 22**, for staff training. It will re-open Thursday at 9 AM.

11. The grouting work on the Lighthouse is scheduled to be completed today. Then the general contractor will be on site to complete the remaining work. All exterior work and painting with the removal of the exterior scaffolding is still scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. The Historic Society has tentatively set August 7, National Lighthouse Day, as the date to celebrate the renovation of Scituate Light. Details to follow.
  
12. Scituate Fire Department and Scituate CERT team, supported by the Scituate Rotary Club, are hosting monthly free Stop the Bleed Class and Hands-Only CPR sessions starting on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Public Safety Complex from 6 PM to 8 PM Limited seating: Only the first 20 people who reserve a seat will be accommodated. Please email Lt. David Bortolotto at [dbortolotto@scituatema.gov](mailto:dbortolotto@scituatema.gov) to reserve your spot
  
13. The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project will conduct truck-based adulticide applications from June 3, 2024, to October 2024, between 2 AM and sunrise, Monday through Friday.  
Plymouth County residents can request spraying for their area via phone, fax, drop-off, or mail.  
Kindly visit the Board of Health page on the Town of Scituate website and click on "News & Announcements" located on the right-hand side for more information.
  
14. Dana-Farber's Mammography Van  
On **Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 7 AM to 3:15 PM**, the Mammography Van will be available. Women aged 40 and older interested in scheduling an appointment can call the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974. Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process. The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road. Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van. The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Dana-Farber's skilled technologists will conduct screening mammograms interpreted by board-certified radiologists. For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.
  
15. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Canned white tuna	Canned Mix fruit
Canned mixed Vegetables	Granola Bars
Cranberry Juice	Jell-O/Pudding Cups
Baked Beans	Quick Bread Mix
Yellow cake mix	Rice Pilaf

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Village Market and Shaw's also collect items for the Pantry.

16. 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.
17. Meetings
  - Monday-BOH, ConCom, EDC
  - Tuesday-Select Board, Water Resources, DEI, Housing Authority, PBC
  - Wednesday-Assessors
  - Thursday-Planning
18. 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.

## **Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

### **SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 5.20.24**

Time Take (TT)

179 WORDS 2 MINUTES TO READ

#### **This Week's Top News :**

- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update
- Scituate High School Graduation

#### **Cushing/Hatherly New School Project: THANK YOU!**

- For important new building project information please visit [scit.org](http://scit.org) and click on "MSBA Project" on home page
- Superintendent Burkhead would like to thank the Scituate Community for supporting the funding for the new Cushing/Hatherly school building project. Thank you to the members of the School Building Committee and School Committee for your dedication, direction and vision.

The process brought our community together in conversation and healthy debate. The goal moving forward is to build the most cost

effective and educationally appropriate building that will provide our children and community the best educational experience over the next 50+ years. We look forward to doing so in a transparent and inclusive manner and hope you can join us in this exciting journey.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Scituate High School Graduation: Friday, May 31, 2024 @6pm SHS game field.

*\*\*Please follow our schools and district at [scit.org](http://scit.org) or download the Scituate*

*Public Schools app for all current events and happenings!*