

Weekly Video Update November 22, 2021

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Clerk

Mr. Goodrich noted there are several meetings this week. Economic Development Commission (EDC) is meeting tonight via zoom.

Coastal Advisory Meeting is Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Library and the Public Building Commission is also meeting tomorrow, Tuesday November 23, at 7:00 PM.

Many people have been asking what is going into the old Sylvia's building and we don't know yet as there haven't been any permits issued.

Town Administrator Update, Jim Boudreau

Water Main construction has ceased for the season. The contractor will continue to install services on Brook, Tilden, Rainbow Court and Foam Road. Testing and training of employees on the green sand filter on well 17A is on-going. The Pilot study at the water treatment plant is done for now. The water department is planning on doing some flushing of the system starting the week after thanksgiving, weather dependent. The schedule will be posted.

The total number of Covid cases for this past week was 46, more than 39 from the previous week. We with a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 4.14%, up from the 2.86 of last week. Plymouth County is at 3.67%, up from my last report of 3.2%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 3.09% trending up sharply from last week 2.32%. Numbers are increasing across the board as colder weather arrives and people spend more time indoors.

Guidance is out from the CDC and federal government on the booster shots for Pfizer recipients. All those over 18 are now eligible for a booster shot. The CDC has also approved Moderna's and J&J booster shots. The state is now making COVID 19 booster shots available to anyone who received one of those COVID vaccinations 6 months after your second dose. It is recommended that anyone who received the single dose J&J vaccine receive a booster as soon as two months after the initial dose. Guidance has also been provided that you can now "mix and match" vaccines, so you are not limited to a booster from the same source as your original shot(s). it is recommended that you get the same shot, but no longer required.

The Pfizer vaccine for children 5-11 has been approved and is available in Massachusetts. Go to mass.gov, click on COVID-19 on the home page and you will be able to find information on where to get a shot for children.

DPW crews are still on the roads picking up debris from the recent storm. This will continue until we get it all or weather prevents it. Crews have begun preparations for winter weather and are installing the sanders on the trucks and getting the plows ready for winter storms.

Renovations/expansion to the Widow's Walk clubhouse continue. The \$2.5 million project is expected to be completed in December. The contractor is also finishing the exterior siding of the

building. We will be looking to get a temporary CO this week for that we can start using the pro-shop and return the rented trailer that we have been using over the summer. We will be getting the RFP out for the restaurant operation.

Humarock Fire Station is on schedule for a 12/1 CO.

Congratulations to the Scituate High Football team which won on Saturday and will be playing in the Superbowl. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Superintendent of Schools, Bill Burkhead

Mr. Burkhead thanked Nurse leader, Kelli Roche for organizing a new vaccine clinic for 5-11 year-olds. It will be held at Gates Middle School on Sunday, November 28 from 10 AM – 3 PM. The second dose will be scheduled for Sunday, December 19th. We have 175 of 200 spaces already filled. Parents can reach out to your school nurse with any questions. Covid cases have gone down. Last week we had 12, down from 20 the week before.

Student athletes participated in the state cross country meet and the SHS football team is headed to the Superbowl - date TBD.

Thank you to the Scituate High School American Regional cuisine class for inviting him to their Thanksgiving celebration. Thank you to Ms. Wade Baker and all her students for their hospitality. There will be a half day on Wednesday, no school Thursday and Friday. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Goodrich encouraged everyone to have a great Thanksgiving and shop local to start holiday shopping.