

Weekly Video Update, October 16, 2023

Karen Canfield, Select Board Member

Good morning Scituate. Shout out for tonight's Special Town Meeting at 7 PM. There are 16 articles but 10 of them are on the Consent Agenda which means we vote all at once for routine town matters. Other discussions will include Capital Improvement, CPC Funding, and whether or not to remove the police from civil service. In addition, there are two citizen petition articles. All of the warrant information can be found on our town website:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/special-town-meeting-october-16-2023-0>

There are openings on three Committees: Mordecai Lincoln Committee is a new committee to research use of the property, Board of Health, and By Law Review Committee. For more information visit:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/announcement-of-board-committee-openings-1>

There are several meetings this week and all agendas can be found on our website Here:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2023-10>

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Special Town Meeting is tonight, 7:00 pm at Scituate High School. There are 16 Articles on the Agenda. This is where people get an opportunity to have a voice on where the Town spends tax payer funds, so if you want a say, you need to show up at Town Meeting.
2. Please be advised that water service will be interrupted tomorrow, October 17, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm in the Satuit Trail neighborhood off Rte. 3A and on portions of Rte. 3A so that service can be tied into the new water main that has been installed. Please refrain or minimize turning on your water during this time to avoid drawing discolored water into your home and preventing clogged pipes and faucets. Once the water is turned back on, if you find that your water is discolored or contains sediments, please run you outside spigot or cold water in your bathtub for 5-10 minutes or until clear. If the problem persists or you have any questions, contact the Water Department at 781-545-8735.
3. The Water Department Office located at the rotary on Route 3A will be closed until further notice. A vehicle drove into the front of the building causing significant damage to the office space. We were extremely fortunate that there was no one working or in the building at the time of the accident. Residents with questions or issues surrounding water department issues can now call the water department as we have of established temporary office space for the employees in the Town Hall and have re-routed their phones so that they can be answered in the temporary space.

4. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions –First exciting news, the new lantern room has arrived! What you will see will be the form for the new lantern room clad in weather proofing. Some of the copper cladding has been added. The contractor will install as much of the copper as possible while the lantern room is on the ground, the remaining copper and the windows will be installed after the lantern room is hoisted back on to the lighthouse structure itself. The first two concrete pours at the light house are complete. The walls and the top of the inside concrete structure are complete. The third pour will be the pouring of the platform and cat walk that the lighthouse lantern room sits on. That concrete pour is currently scheduled for later this week.

Schedule – The schedule has been impacted by the discovery of the unforeseen conditions of the internal/core masonry. We are attempting to move forward as efficiently as possible with the additional demolition and investigations and as soon as the team has a better handle on the solution the overall schedule will be updated.

5. The Highway department is starting to resurface parts of Front Street starting today. Work will include a full grinding of the current road, a leveling course, raising of the structures and then a final coat. Project should take about two weeks and is weather dependent. Front Street will be closed in sections as the work progresses. Grinding is scheduled for today and tomorrow with a leveling course of paving being installed on Thursday. After that, starting on Friday, the contractor will begin raising structures prior to final paving. This work has been put off until the end of the summer season in the Harbor to lessen impacts on the businesses in the Harbor. Also, the gas company has finished the gas work on Jericho Road and will be returning to make repairs and pave that section of Jericho.
6. The Library will be closed this Wednesday, October 18, until 1 pm for staff training. The Library will re-open at 1 and remain open until 9 pm. Also, the library will be hosting Social Work Office hours every Monday from 2-4pm. with Cullen Sweeney, a social work intern for Scituate and Cohasset that is part of a public health grant. Cullen will work with people on a variety of issues like applications for assistance, mental health support services, and connections to long term counseling.
7. For those of you who were unable to attend the North Scituate Beach Nourishment Public Information session last week, the recording and slide deck have been posted to the town web site on the Coastal Management page. Lots of good information, so I encourage people to take a look.
8. The Beach Commission would like residents to access and complete a Beach Commission Survey that is available on the town web site on the Beach Commission page. The survey helps guide the Commission on where residents would like the Town to focus our efforts when it comes to our beaches and beach improvements. The survey only takes a couple of minutes and is extremely helpful to the Commission.

9. Updated grant report card, the town has now received \$2,631,412.75 in grants for the current calendar year.
10. The Town has added a link to the Town web site for information on the proposed Cushing and Hatherly MSBA project. Residents seeking information about the proposal for a new elementary school here in Scituate can go to scituatema.gov and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you the link for the school page with information about the project.
11. We have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry's numbers have been increasing each and every week. The Pantry is asking, if you are able, to please consider picking up one or more of the following "Most Needed Items" when you do your own grocery shopping.

The following is a list of the "Pantry's Most Needed Items":

Clam Chowder	All canned fish (except tuna)
Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	White Beans
Mac & Cheese	De-Caf Coffee
Rice Pilaf	Cold Healthy Cereal

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Client Hours on Tuesday Mornings 10:00 -12:15 and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:15. Donations can also be left in the two white covered wooden containers outside the Pantry as well as at the Library, the Village Market and Shaws.

12. Meetings
 - Monday-Town Meeting
 - Tuesday-Coastal Advisory, DEI Committee, Water Resources
 - Wednesday-Affordable Housing Trust and Capital Planning
 - Thursday-Select Board at 6:00 for Town Counsel interviews at the EOC, Historic Commission and ZBA

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 10.16.23

Time Take (TT)

158 WORDS	1.5 MINUTES TO READ
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📍 This Week's Top 2:

- Elementary Building Project
- Scituate High School honored

Cushing/Hatherly MSBA New Building Project Update

- Building Committee meeting 10.18.23 5:30 PM SHS Library Harbor Conference Room
- Agenda Highlights:
 - Traffic Study Presentation
 - Architecture - Exterior Elevations 1st Presentation
 - Public Safety Update
 - Site Planning (grade, layout, Landscape materials) update

SHS Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll

The College Board announced that Scituate High School has been named to the Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll, earning SILVER distinction. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access to these courses. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

63% of Scituate High School seniors took at least one AP exam during high school and 49% scored a three or higher on at least one AP exam.