

## **Weekly Video Update, October 11, 2022**

Karen Canfield, Select Board Member, Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator, and Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

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

1. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -48", last week we were at -55". Tack Factory Pond is at +1", last week we were at -11 so we are up 12" in Tack Factory pond and it is spilling over into the reservoir. Average daily demand was at 1.095 MGD down from last week's 1.167 MGD (mostly as a result of the heavy rain we received last week. We are now a level 1 Mild Drought as determined by the Commonwealth . Manganese samples have been below action levels set by DEP for both August and September. Distribution samples for September ranged from 0.007 to 0.054 mg/l. 0.3 mg/l is the action level set by the state so we are well under those levels. We are working with our consultants and DEP to try and come up with a short-term fix while we wait for the construction of a new water treatment plant.

If you have brown water, please call the water department or email [brownwater@scituatema.gov](mailto:brownwater@scituatema.gov) The Town also has water available for residents who are experiencing brown water at the WTP during regular business hours.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 3" measured at the Plant.

Celco will be working on Foxwell Lane this week.

2. No paving on the schedule for this week. We are working with the paving contractor to schedule remaining paving items before the end of paving season.
3. The Board awarded a contract to repair the 4 sets of stairs at Minot Beach Several weeks ago. The contractor has started work on this project. Construction is expected to take approximately 4 weeks depending on weather and tide conditions. During this time, we will continue the one- way traffic on Glades Road from Gannet to Bailey's Causeway.
4. Last Thursday we successfully removed the lantern room from the top of the light house and placed it in the yard of the lighthouse keepers house. Cenaxo, the contractor who removed the lantern room, will be on site today and possibly for a few more dates this week doing work to seal the top of the lighthouse and make any necessary short-term repairs as we proceed with the design of a repaired/replacement lantern room. Now that the lantern room is on the ground our design team will be able to get a better look at its condition and make the final determination of repair the current lantern room or if it will need to be replaced with a new lantern room. The work on the lighthouse project is scheduled to be completed late spring/early summer of 2023.

5. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor those fighting cancer on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:00am-2:30pm. The blood drive will take place at the public safety complex, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in the side parking lot. The Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women's Hospital Blood Mobile will be on site. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. Information on registering for an appointment will be available on the town web site.
6. The Board of Health will be hosting a flu clinic for residents and town employees on Thursday, October 20th from 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the Scituate Harbor Community Building. For details on how to register, go to the town web site, [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov).
7. The Veterans Advisory Council is announcing the following events for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022.
  - a. American Legion Post 144 Flag Ceremony  
11:00 am at the Scituate Senior Center
  - b. American Legion Post 144 Luncheon  
The post will be hosting a Veterans Luncheon at the senior center at 12:00 pm at the Senior Center, following the flag ceremony. **Reservations are required. Call 617-842-0092 to reserve your spot.**
  - c. After the luncheon, the Scituate Food Pantry will be hosting their "Salute to Service" on the Senior Center Patio from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm. Dessert, Gifts and Music will be provided for veterans by the food pantry.During this time, there will also be a "Sea of Support", a field of Flags to honor all known, living Scituate Veterans will be on display at Scituate Community Christmas, 125 Mann Lot Road, from November 10-13, 2022.
8. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

### **Karen Canfield, Select Board Member**

Ms. Canfield announced there are several meetings this week:

Tuesday: Coastal Advisory and Library Trustees

Wednesday: Beach Commission

Thursday: Planning Board meets at 6:30 PM to discuss the new proposed development on the Driftway by the rotary.

Early voting is coming up and the Town Clerk has announced early voting will be from October 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>. The hours are published on the town website.

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

### **MSBA UPDATE: HATHERLY SCHOOL PROJECT**

We are excited to have received three (3) quality responses to our Request for Services for a designer for the Hatherly School project. All 3 have fantastic reputations and have experience with elementary school design including consolidating schools. The next steps include reviewing the responses with the School Building Committee and then attending the MSBA Designer Selection Board initial meeting in November followed by a final meeting with the MSBA to interview the 3 firms.

We look to present an update to the community at the next SC meeting on October 24, 2022 along with a representative from our OPM.

School Committee "Highlights" will be sent out within the week of the meeting to ensure timely and accurate information to our school community. This week's school committee update includes:

- MCAS overview - Assistant Superintendent Driscoll
- Superintendent's Goals-Superintendent Burkhead

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### **EQUITY UPDATE**

In an effort to identify specific areas of strength and growth to support an equitable education for all, our district is working with an independent agency Public Consulting Group (PCG) to conduct a District-Wide Equity Audit.

The audit will assess current policies and practices to identify any areas of strength and/or growth regarding the educational experiences of our students, staff and families. The goal of this audit is to identify these strengths and areas for growth in our district and to make recommendations on how we can move towards achieving the best outcomes for our students

### **SHS PTO MEETING**

I have committed to connecting with as many parent/community groups as possible this year. My seaside chats tour includes attending each school's PTO. I started last week at Cushing Elementary and will visit Hatherly's PTO this week. I summarized the district draft goals, my educational philosophy and answered questions. Most importantly, I thanked the parents/caregivers for the amazing work they do for our kids and staff. It was great staying for

the entire meeting to learn more about the PTO. I learned that each of the elementary PTO's will model our goal of consistency and have regular president's meetings to coordinate between schools- good stuff

### **Sailor shout outs**

#### **STUDENT INTERVIEW: THE SCITUATION**

On Wednesday student reporter Anna Kelly interviewed me for the SHS newspaper "The Scituation." The focus was on teaching shortages and Scituate's plan for hiring and maintaining highly qualified staff. She specifically was interested in our World Language Department at SHS. I was extremely impressed with Anna, her questions and focus of the article. I am looking forward to reading the article.