

Weekly Video Update, October 17, 2022

Tony Vegnani, Select Board Chair

Mr. Vegnani said that the Select Board is meeting tomorrow night (Oct. 18th at 6:30 PM) and topics of discussion include the Hatherly side walk proposal and review of the Capital Plan.

The Beach Commission is doing a sea grass planting and are looking for volunteers. You can sign up on the NSRWA page for the event on their web site:

<https://www.nsrwa.org/event/beachgrass-planting-at-peggotty-beach/>

Fall for Scituate in North Scituate is this Sunday, October 23rd from 12 – 4 PM.

Early voting starts Saturday October 22nd at Town Hall from 8 AM – 2 PM.

Accessibility Awareness event at the High school on Saturday from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

MSBA UPDATE: HATHERLY SCHOOL PROJECT

The School Building Committee for the new Hatherly building project will meet tonight at 5:30 pm in the Harbor Conference room (SHS library).

AGENDA:

1. Public comment
2. Approval of past minutes;
3. Discussion of Designer Selection-Feasibility Study RFP responses and Designer Selection Panel;
4. New Business*; and
5. Adjourn

SCITUATE COMMUNITY TV

I'd like to thank our very own Seth P. and Briana T. from Scituate Community TV for inviting me to join them on episode 76 of Scituate Weekly. I thoroughly enjoyed our conversation about education in Scituate and hope folks can check it out.

SAILOR SHOUT OUTS

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Congratulations to **Megan Gregory** who was selected to serve on the Massachusetts DESE Reading Specialist Committee for MTEL. The purpose of this group is to provide DESE with independent judgements that will assist in setting the passing standards for the Reading Specialist test

GATES BAND

Members of the 7/8 Band attended a concert performed by the United States Marine Band on Saturday evening at Rhode Island College. Thanks to Mr. Lessard, Scituate Friends of Music, and parent chaperones for coordinating this experience for our student musicians.

STUDENT INTERVIEW

This week I again had the privilege of being interviewed by a SHS student. **Alice George**, a sophomore at Scituate High School, who is working on a feature assignment in her Journalism class. She was brainstorming story ideas when she came across the new "communication board" being installed at Hatherly Elementary school and would like to learn more and write about how we received this gift for our students and how it will be used to help all students communicate.

Alice is also a member of the volleyball team. I was impressed that she was able to squeeze my interview in and then head off to a game. I appreciated the opportunity to answer her questions, but more importantly, get to know a little bit more about our students one conversation at a time.

HATHERLY WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!

I was thrilled to participate in "Walk to School Day" at Hatherly last week. The school was flooded with teachers, students, families and even pets! I enjoyed several conversations with students, staff and families. What a great way to start the day!

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -40.5", last week we were at -48". Tack Factory Pond is at +3", last week we were at +1 and it is spilling over into the reservoir. Average daily demand was at 1.094 MGD up very slightly from last week's 1.095 MGD. 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 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 1.6” measured at the Plant.

Celco will continue 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. Work continues on the stairs on Glades Road. During construction we will continue the one -way traffic on Glades Road from Gannet to Bailey’s Causeway. We have spoken to the School Department and this is not expected to interfere with bus routes as they follow the current direction of the one way.
4. We have 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 Board of Health will be hosting a flu clinic for residents and town employees on Thursday, October 20 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.
6. 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 10-13th.

7. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.