

Weekly Video Update, October 23, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Good Morning Scituate! We have several meetings this week and all agendas can be found on the website: <https://www.scituatema.gov>

Board of Health, Capital Planning, Select Board, Planning

There is a Select Board Meeting tomorrow night at Town Hall.

We have (3) committees that have openings: Board of Health, By Law Review Committee, and Mordecai Lincoln Property Committee (new). Please go to the town website to find an application to join a committee. <https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/announcement-of-board-committee-openings-1>

There is a beach Cleanup November 4th from 9AM – 12PM at Peggotty Beach.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Thanks to all who attending Special Town Meeting last week. You are the ones who make the Town run and I appreciate your attendance and support.
2. A reminder that 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 doing 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 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. Work on the restoration of the space is scheduled to start this week and take 5-7 weeks.
3. 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 is the pouring of the platform and cat walk that the lighthouse lantern room sits on. That has been completed. Currently we are on schedule to hoist the lantern room back onto the lighthouse tower at the beginning of November. Once back on top, the copper cladding will be finished, window and trim installed and the light itself put back.

Scheduled for completion by the end of November with the exception of final painting. Due to the nature of the paint being used, painting maybe put off until the spring.

4. The Highway department is currently working to resurface parts of Front Street. 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. The grinding and leveling course have been completed. The DPW is on schedule for raising the castings on Front Street Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The crews have rebuilt 30 out of 100 structures that will need to be adjusted or rebuilt. Traffic will be limited to one lane at times. Traffic will be shut down for short durations as castings in the center of the road are worked on. The businesses are open and you will be able to get there but please be patient. This is a construction work zone and speeds must be reduced for workers and your safety. This is a moving operation and as such the detours will change as the operation progresses. Police details and DPW employees will guide you to get thru the work zone.

Use caution when driving down Front Street as these casting will be elevated in the roadway until the final coat of pavement is placed.

The DPW has notified our paving contractor that the road will be ready for final paving on Thursday (this is a function of weather and contractor's schedule). If the paving goes according to plan, marking the road will follow in an effort to restore the road for Halloween. Thank you for your understanding and support in improving our infrastructure.

5. 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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1utnPJY0QA>
6. Updated grant report card, the town has now received \$2,631,412.75 in grants for the current calendar year.
7. 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.
8. 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”:

Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	Microwave popcorn
Mac & Cheese	De-Caf Coffee
Rice Pilaf	Cold Healthy Cereal
White beans	Hot Chocolate

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 Shaw’s.

Finally, congratulations to Jim Boudreau’s daughter, Madeline. Tomorrow night is Senior Night for the Norwell High School Field Hockey team. Congratulations to Madeline and best wishes as you (and Mom and Dad) go through the college process!

9. Meetings

Monday-Board of Health
Tuesday-Select Board, Public Building Committee
Wednesday-Capital Planning
Thursday-Planning Board

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 10.23.23

Time Take (TT)

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📍 This Week’s Top 2:

- School Committee Meeting
- Elementary Building Project

School Committee Meeting: 10.23.23 at 6pm SHS Library

Agenda Highlights:

- Student Report
- New Elementary School Building Project Update
- Celebrate Student Learning: Pre-K-12 English Language Arts

- Superintendent's Goals
- Policy Subcommittee Update: Student Absences

Cushing/Hatherly MSBA New Building Project Update

- The School Building Committee met Wednesday, October 18, 2023. A vote was taken and unanimously supported to NOT have a CM at Risk Procurement. This means we will proceed through the traditional design, bid, build process that is very typical for new schools and comes at an approximate 3.5% overall savings, which is considerable.
- The committee looked at three initial renderings of exterior new school buildings as well as landscape design. The conversation provided the architect with feedback and direction to move forward. There will be a presentation for the community at Monday (10.23.23) night's SC meeting.
- Please visit our website at scit.org and click the "community" link at the top for comprehensive news regarding the new school building project.