

## **Weekly Video Update, October 30, 2023**

### **Susan Harrison, Select Board Clerk**

Mon and Tues, there are no Board and Committee meetings.

Tuesday is Halloween and Halloween in the Harbor from 4- 5:30 PM Front St will be partially closed for trick or treaters of all ages as they visit the businesses in the Harbor. A big thank you to the local businesses who participate every year.

Wed November 1, is our planned recreation shellfish opening. We are waiting on the letter from DMF to provide the areas that will be open for recreational shellfish. We will send out an announcement once we hear from DMF.

On Wednesday, the Waterways Commission meets at 6 PM in the Library Community room. This is also a hybrid meeting and there will be an update on the Maritime Center Parking lot, WIFI and dock boxes.

Design Review Committee meets on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Public Safety Building and they will be making recommendations to planning and zoning on 817 Country Way and 19 Ford Place

Capital Planning meets on Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Select Board Hearing Room and DPW is coming in for their FY25 Capital Requests.

Thursday, November 2, 2023, Cultural Council meets at the Scituate Library Small Conference Room.

Saturday is a beach grass planting and clean up from 9 – 12 PM at Peggotty Beach which is presented by the Scituate Beach Commission, Scituate Coastal Advisory, Scituate Trashed and North South River Watershed Association. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> of the season. As a reminder, trash cans are NOT at the beaches during the off-season so please take your trash with you and do not leave where the trash cans were. We all need to help keep the beaches clean.

Scituate Historical Society is presenting Unraveling the past, Patrick O’Keeffe’s Curious Book on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM at GAR Hall. This book was written between 1815 – 1855 and contains Irish heritage, poetry and folk tales. Light refreshments will be served and there is a suggested donation of \$15 per person.

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

1. A reminder that the Water Department Office located at the rotary on Route 3A remains closed while the building is being repaired. 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.

2. 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.

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.

3. The Highway department has finished resurfacing parts of Front Street. The new pavement looks great. We had scheduled the painting of the lines for last night, but obviously weather interfered with those plans. We will have the line stripping company in as soon as possible. That will be an overnight operation. Thank you to the residents and businesses for your patience while we made the necessary repairs to our infrastructure. Thanks also to Mike Breen and the Highway Department along with the Scituate Police for keeping the work moving and the traffic flowing.
4. Tuesday Night is Halloween. The Town and Scituate Police have posted guidance for having a safe and Happy Halloween on our web sites. Drivers, please pay extra attention for young ghouls and goblins roaming the Town tomorrow night. Parents, please make sure that your children have good vision with their costumes and that the costumes themselves are visible in low light and dark conditions.
5. Staying with Halloween, tomorrow night also is the annual Halloween in the Harbor. Children can trick or treat at the various business in the Harbor from 4 pm – 5:30 pm giving the kids plenty of time to hit the Harbor and get home to terrorize their neighborhood. Front Street will be closed during this time.
6. Veterans please mark your calendars and make reservations for the annual Veterans Day Celebration to be held on Veterans Day, November 11 starting at 11:00 am at the COA. This is a great event hosted by the Scituate Post 144 and the Scituate Food Pantry. Flag ceremony at 11:00 followed by lunch at Noon hosted by the post. At 1:00 the Food

Pantry will have deserts and gifts for veterans in attendance with music and fun! This is a fantastic event being catered by Keith O’Callaghan of the Voyage restaurant in Humarock. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 617-842-0092 or by email at [commander@scituatepost144.org](mailto:commander@scituatepost144.org).

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. Updated grant report card, the town has now received \$2,631,412.75 in grants for the current calendar year.
9. 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](http://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.
10. 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 Shaws.

#### 11. Meetings

Wednesday-Capital Planning, Design Review, Waterways  
Thursday-Cultural Council  
Saturday – Peggotty Beach Clean up