

Weekly Video Update, October 3, 2022

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Vice Chair

Upcoming meetings this week

Tonight: October 3, 2022:

Community Preservation Committee meets at 7 PM

Conservation at 6 PM

School Committee at 6 PM.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022:

Select Board meets at 6:30 PM

ZBA meets Tuesday remotely at 7 PM.

All agendas can be found on the town website <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -55", last week we were at -49.75". Tack Factory Pond is at -11", last week we were at -15.75". Average daily demand was at 1.167 MGD down from last week's 1.187 MGD. We are currently rated as having a significant drought by the Commonwealth, a slight upgrade from last week's critical rating. Manganese measured at the WTP is still causing discolored water to go through the plant and into the system. Good news is with the cooler night temperatures we are seeing a slight reduction in the manganese numbers. 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" measured at the Plant.

Celco will be working finishing up 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. Consultant on the light house project has made a determination that the lantern room needs to be removed as soon as possible. We have secured a contractor to do that work and right now it is scheduled to begin Wednesday of this week. Wednesday will see stabilization work and prep work for the removal of the lantern room. Thursday a large crane will arrive early in the morning to begin separation and removal of the lantern room. This process should be completed by noon. The lantern room will be removed and placed in the lighthouse keeper's yard. Once the lantern room is removed, the tower will be made water tight. Once we have a definite schedule and time table, we will send a notice to residents.
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 Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

National Stage

Please congratulate Nicole Brandolini & Heidi Driscoll for being invited to present their proposal as part of the educational programming at the National School Boards Association's 2023 Annual Conference, in Orlando, FL on April 1 - 3, 2022. We continue to strive to be the best district in the world!

NSBA Proposal Title: Building Sustainable Structures to Calibrate Curriculum

NSBA 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition

The NSBA 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition is the one national event that brings together education leaders to learn about best governance practices, gain insight into child development and learn about new programs and technology that can help enrich student learning.

Jamele adams keynote speaker at NE Association of Superintendents fall conference

New hatherly/Cushing school building project update:

- The SPS School Building Committee met for the first time on Monday, September 26, 2022. Our new Owners Project Manager (OPM), Vertex, provided an overview of the comprehensive school building process and timeline. There was a follow up Q & A from members of the committee with Vertex. The next meeting is October 17. We look to have an update for the community at the October 24th school committee meeting.

Next School Committee meeting tonight (10.3.22): Agenda Items of interest

- Student Representative report (first one of the school year)
- Acceptance of gifts from our generous community
- Proposal to expand Preschool capacity (Dr. Boebert, Director of Special Education)
- Policy Update (Wellness Policy) - 1st reading
- MCAS overview - Assistant Superintendent Driscoll
- Superintendent's Goals-Superintendent Burkhead

Seaside “Staff” Chats:

In an effort to hear from and get to know our entire staff, in line with our You Are Important theme for the year, I’ve started a series of “Seaside Chats” where I will visit each school individually. I look forward to in depth conversations with our entire staff, listening, learning and acting on their hopes and dreams. I will visit Wampanoag Wednesday morning!

Sailor shout outs

I was honored to join Ms. Heffernan's 8th grade Wellness class last week. The students recently worked on a project called ‘Novice Nutritionist.’ I was interviewed during the class on my eating habits. Students were tasked with offering advice to me on a smart, high-energy diet that I could eat after lunch to help me perform best at afternoon and evening meetings. My goal is to be sharp and fresh at evening meetings/events.

The students also had an opportunity to learn about my philosophy of education and what the job of superintendent entails. I was impressed with the responses to my question “what do you enjoy most about school and what can WE do to improve your experience in school?” Looking forward to receiving suggestions to improve my diet from our young nutritionists!