

Weekly Video Update, November 13, 2023

Karen Canfield, Select Board Member

Please check out the town website for this week's meetings.

<https://www.scituatema.gov>

Thank you to all our volunteers to serve on our boards and committees. Of special note, we have a new Mordecai Lincoln Property Committee to determine the best use of the property.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Ok, 26° this morning? That's a little much this early in the season but it is a reminder that winter is coming and we need to get ready. There is a link on the homepage of the town web site "Emergency Preparedness" where you will find tips and suggestions for getting ready for winter and storm season. <https://www.scituatema.gov/emergency-management> Better prepared then not, so please check out that web page and start getting ready for the winter weather that we know is coming.
2. 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 ongoing.
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. ***The raising of the lantern room is now scheduled for this week.*** 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.

4. The Highway department has finished resurfacing Front Street. The new pavement looks great. The line painting was completed over the weekend and the project is now complete. 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.
5. We continue working on the installation of the water line and services on CJCH, Rt. 3A. The contractor is crossing the bridge This will continue into the beginning of December. The contractor will begin making repairs to the trenches starting today. Be prepared for delays. The road will then be allowed to sit over the winter to see if any settling of the trenches occur. The contractor will be back in the spring to correct any settling that may occur over the winter months.
6. The gas company will be out on Jericho Road starting tomorrow to grind and overlay the trenches from the gas company work done over the summer. Be prepared for delays.
7. We had a great Veterans Day celebration and lunch at the COA on Saturday. It was a full house as the Veterans and guests enjoyed a complete turkey dinner courtesy of Keith O'Callaghan and his staff from The Voyage restaurant. Thanks to Post 144 and the Scituate Food Pantry for hosting and the boys' and girls' hockey teams for serving the meal.
8. The Scituate Sister City Cape Verde/Santa Catarina do Fogo Committee, invites you to two upcoming events to Celebrate Santa Catarina de Alexandria, (Saint Catherine of Alexandria) the patron saint of Cape Verde. First you are invited to learn about the Cape Verde celebration of Santa Catherina de Alexandria Day this Sunday, November 19th from 1-3 pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us for this festive occasion where we honor the Cape Verdean community members that have been celebrating Santa Catarina Day in Scituate since 1991.

The actual Santa Catarina Day is November 25th. A Mass and Feast will be held at Saint Mary's Parish on the 25th. That event is from 12-3 pm. The procession is at 12, followed by a reception at the Parish Hall after Mass. Santa Catarina Day is a national holiday in Cape Verde. It is equivalent to Saint Patrick's Day here.

9. The Police Boat that was approved at the 2022 Special Meeting is in and at the outside garage at the station being outfitted and marked. This was paid for by a combination of a federal homeland security grant and town funds. The Town funds were then replenished through the sale of the former police boat to the city of Quincy. Once final out fitting is completed, the boat will go into the water and into service.
10. 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.

11. 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. They are seeking items for Thanksgiving meals that will be provided by the pantry.

- a. Instant Potatoes
- b. Canned Yams
- c. Fruit Cocktail
- d. Pudding and Jell-O boxes/cups
- e. Brownie mix

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Village Market and Shaw's also collect items for the Pantry.

12. Meetings

Monday- ConCom, Economic Development, Library Trustees

Tuesday-Traffic Rules, Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee, DEI, Water Resource Committee and Historic Commission

Wednesday-Affordable Housing Trust

Thursday-Planning Board, Advisory Committee, ZBA and Cape Verde Sister City