

Weekly Video Update, November 27, 2023

Susan Harrison, Select Board Clerk

Good Morning Scituate! This week's meeting are as follows;

Board of Health Meeting is canceled for tonight.

Tuesday: Design Review Committee at 6:30 PM – review for 19 Ford Place

Wednesday: Board of Assessors Meeting at 1:00 PM and Capital Planning Committee at 6:30 PM. Capital will review school projects.

Thursday: Advisory Committee Meeting is at 7 PM, remote and they will be reviewing FY25 budget.

Friday December 1st is the Superbowl at Gillette Stadium 5:30 PM. Go Sailors! It's also First Friday in the Harbor and there's many activities including caroling, wreath contest, and a lobster pot trap tree. Buoys are for sale at Harbor Light Toys, Joye, Native, The Reel Harbor Theater, and Nona's. Tree lighting is December 1st at 5:45 PM. There is also a wreath contest that runs through Sunday, December 3, 2023.

When visiting our beaches, please remember to carry out any trash and pick up after your dog. Trash cans are no longer at the beaches during the off-season. Please help us to keep the beaches clean and leave only foot prints and paw prints on our beaches.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. SFD responded to a house fire this morning at 372 Clapp Road. Crews responded to the scene and ultimately struck a third alarm for fire in the building. Fire crews were met with significant challenges due to the age of the home, which was built 1794. Fire personnel from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield and Norwell responded to assist with the fire. All occupants from the residence were evacuated and there are no reported injuries at this time. While the fire remains under investigation, it does not appear suspicious in nature. Residents in the area may experience brown water for a period today.
2. We want to wish the Scituate High School Football team good luck this week as they compete for the Super Bowl! The Sailors will be taking on Duxbury Friday evening at 5:30 at Gillette Stadium. Let's get a great crowd there Friday to cheer the team on to Super Bowl Victory!
3. 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 than not, so please check out that web page and start getting ready for the winter weather that we know is coming. We had winds and rain over night and could see gusts 25-25 mph during the day today. The tide today at 10:46 am is a 10.7' tide, so please be prepared for minor flooding in low lying areas.

4. 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 and should be completed before the Christmas holidays.
5. Lighthouse renovations: ***The lantern room is back on top of the lighthouse and the ball and spindle are back on top of the lantern room!***
 - The masonry face brick is about 50% complete and it looks very good. This work should be complete by the end of this week.
 - The copper work is progressing from the lantern frame to the platform.
 - The final concrete pour (within the lantern room) will occur next week.
 - The glass installation is projected to start next week.
 - The pressure injected grouting will begin tomorrow morning. The granite sections will be completed first.

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.

6. We continue working on the installation of the water line and services on CJCH. The contractor has crossed the bridge and is progressing up the hill. This will continue for the next couple of weeks. The contractor has begun making repairs to the trenches as the progress up the hill. Be prepared to 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.
7. Today is Cyber Monday. As you shop on line, we ask that you remember and continue to patronize small businesses in our community and beyond. Small businesses are the backbone of our retail economy and they are owned and operated by our friends and neighbors so I urge you to patronize our businesses not just the holiday season but throughout the year.
8. 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 <https://www.scituatema.gov/> and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you to the link for the school page with information about the project.

9. 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.

Clam Chowder	Rice Pilaf
Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	White Beans
Canned fish (except Tuna)	De-Caf Coffee
Healthy Cold Cereals	

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.

10. Meetings

Monday-BOH
Tuesday-Design Review Committee
Wednesday-Assessors, Capital Planning
Thursday-Advisory Committee