

## Weekly Video Update, November 6, 2023

### Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Vice Chair

Meetings this week:

Monday: Board of Health

Tuesday: Select Board Meeting: budget discussions begin. Please email the Board with any concerns as we love to hear from you.

Wednesday: Recreation Commission, Capital planning, and Commission on Disabilities

All agendas on the website here: <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

### 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 sometime 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.

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 week, but obviously weather interfered with those plans. Line striping is now scheduled for early tomorrow night at 10:00 pm weather depending. Vehicles parked on Front Street will be removed prior to the striping. 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. 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). Thank you to all veterans who served our country. It is because of your sacrifice that we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.
5. Keeping with Veterans Day theme, Town Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10 for the Veterans Day Holiday. The Transfer Station will be closed this Saturday, November 11, for Veterans Day.
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](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.
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. 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 jello 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.

9. Meetings
  - Monday- Board of Health
  - Tuesday-Select Board

Wednesday-Capital Planning, Recreation, Commission on Disabilities  
Thursday-Planning Board, Advisory Board

## **Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

### **SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 11.6.23**

Time Take (TT)

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#### **This Week's Top 2:**

- School Committee Meeting
- SHS Athletics Fall Tournament

#### **School Committee Meeting: 11.6.23 at 6pm SHS Library**

Agenda Highlights:

- Student Report: David Murphy and Louisa Kinsley
- Gates School Improvement Plan
- Celebrate Student Learning: Math
- Superintendent's Goals: Vote
- Policy Subcommittee Update: Student Absences

#### **SHS Athletics Fall Tournament Update**

Volleyball, boys girls soccer, field hockey and football all qualified for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) fall tournament. Golf Qualified for the South Sectionals, Cross Country has runners competing in States, and Cheerleading qualified for the Regional Competition.

Results:

- ★ 11/1 Girls Volleyball 3-0 win over South Community High
- ★ 11/3 Boys Soccer 5-2 loss to Agawam
- ★ 11/3 Volleyball 3-0 loss to Melrose
- ★ 11/3 Football 47-36 win over Wayland

- ★ 11/4 Field Hockey 3-2 overtime loss to Milton
- ★ 11/5 Girls soccer 2-1 win in Overtime over Milton