

## **Weekly Video Update, December 18, 2023**

### **Karen Canfield, Select Board Member**

Good Morning Scituate. We are one week away from Christmas but we are focused on the storm today. Thank you to the DPW for getting our roads cleaned up after the storm.

Meetings this week:

All meetings are on the town website calendar here:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2023-12>

Tuesday: Select Board Meeting at 6:30 PM. We will review town budget in anticipation of Annual Town Meeting. The Select Board wants to commend all our town employees for their hard work all year long.

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

1. Wind and rain continue to impact us through the day today. As of right now we have 30 customers without power, most in the area of Williamsburg Lane. NGrid is working on restoration. Wind and rain will continue through the morning into this afternoon so if you are out and about please use caution. We are fortunate again that, like last week, this is a rain as opposed to a snow event. 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. Better prepared then not, so please check out that web page and start getting ready for the winter weather that we know is coming. <https://www.scituatema.gov/emergency-management>
2. Speaking of winter, Widows Walk golf course is now closed for the season. Dog walking will begin starting on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We are once again looking forward to sharing our beautiful course with the local residents of Scituate for walking, sledding and other winter activities. We ask that you please have your dogs on a leash at all times, avoid walking over any greens or sand traps and most importantly, pick up after your dog. Have a great winter and we hope you and your dogs enjoy "The Walk."

The Drift In remains open for lunch and dinner Mon- Friday 11 AM – 9 PM and Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 9 PM. Now serving breakfast on Saturday & Sunday!

Beginning December 24<sup>th</sup>, The Drift In will be open Wed – Sunday and will serve soups and breakfast on the weekends in addition to their delicious lunch and dinner menu. Hours will be 11 AM – 8 PM.

3. The Water Department Office has relocated to their usual location in the building at the treatment plant location. Repairs have been completed and staff returned at the end of last

week. If you have business with the water department, please go see them at their usual office site. Thanks to Kevin Kelly and the facilities staff for their work in getting the office repaired.

4. The 2024 Annual Town Census has been mailed out to residents. Please read both sides carefully, sign and return it as soon as possible. Returning the census assures voters will remain on the active voter list.

You may not use the census form to add voters to your household or make any changes to existing voters. To make a change to your voter registration (address, name, party, etc), you may do so in person at the Town Clerk's office or online

at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

If a voter has moved within Massachusetts they can register in their new community or online and will be taken out of Scituate. If the voter has moved out of state this office will need a signed note from the voter to be removed from the voter list.

Please call Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions. 781-545-8743

5. The Scituate Assessor's Office will be holding an Exemption Workshop at the Senior Center today, **Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. We will be discussing Senior exemptions as well as Veteran's, Surviving Spouse, Blind, CPA and Tax Deferral exemptions.  
This is an opportunity for taxpayers who qualify for these exemptions to reduce their real estate taxes.
6. 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!***
  - Existing Granite Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing granite tower section was complete as of today.
  - Existing Brick Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing brick tower section has suffered a delay due to coordination issues with the mason. We expect this work to begin this week. This portion of the work involves injecting grout into the existing brick work.
  - Newly Placed Brick Tower Section – This injection grouting of this section will occur after the Existing Brick Section is complete. Each section going up has to follow the previous sections. Once this last section is grouted, the external and internal bracing can be removed.
  - Staging Removal – I would expect the staging removal to occur after the first of the year.
  - Lantern Room Enclosure – The lantern room copper is nearly complete, and the glass panels were installed today. There is one opening left to complete which will incorporate an access panel to the exterior balcony.
  - Lantern Room Interior Flooring and Framing – This work began today, and we expect to be complete the end of next week.
  - Balcony Railings – We expect the railings to be installed later this week.

7. 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 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.
8. As part of our on-going I&I work, we are working on Egypt Beach Road. We will be replacing a sewer line in that area, but first we are relocating an existing water line. The Water and Sewer departments will have a contractor working in that area for the next several weeks. The trench will be patched for the winter, with permanent repairs being made in the spring.
9. Please remember to shop local this holiday season. Local businesses are the backbone of our economy and our community so please support your local small business owner when you are making you holiday purchases.
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](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.
11. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

White Tuna	Mixed Vegetables (Canned)
Beef Soups	Sloppy Joe
Jell-O and Pudding	Green and Herbal Tea
Regular Ground Coffee	

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-Financial Forecast, Con Com  
Tuesday-Select Board and Capital Planning (Capital Planning will be presenting to Select Board)  
Thursday-Historic Commission and ZBA

Superintendent of Schools, Bill Burkhead

## SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 12.18.23

Time Take (TT)

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### This Week's Top 2:

- School Committee Meeting
- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update

### School Committee Meeting: 12.18.23 at 6pm SHS Library

Agenda Highlights:

- Student Report: David Murphy and Louisa Kinsley
- Celebrate Student Learning: Fine Arts and Music
- Superintendent's Report – Cushing/Hatherly Building Update
- Assistant Superintendent's Report – Professional Development Update
- School Committee Policy Update: School Improvement Plans

### Cushing/Hatherly Building Project

- Please visit our website at [scit.org](http://scit.org) and click the “COMMUNITY & MSBA PROJECT” tab on the home page for a comprehensive webpage on our new building project. You will find:
  - Schedule and Next Steps
  - Meeting dates, agendas and notes
  - Frequently asked questions
  - Pictures of the current school conditions
  - Dates of important votes for this project