

Weekly Video Update, December 4, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Meetings this week:

Monday: Conservation

Tuesday: Select Board at 6 PM

Wednesday: Waterways

Thursday: Planning Board at 6:30 PM. There is a public hearing at 7 pm to discuss potential zoning articles for MBTA Compliance in preparation for spring town meeting. In addition, there is a potential zoning article for wireless communications on utility poles. All agendas can be found on the town website calendar here: <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

Ms. Connolly suggests that as the holidays approach, please support our local businesses and shop local. It's helpful to everyone in town.

Have a great week!

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Congratulations to the Scituate High School Football team on an outstanding season. Although it did not end the way we would have hoped, the team was a great example of the powers of teamwork, perseverance and hard work. Thanks for a great ride!
2. 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. 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>

Some of the coldest weather yet this season are forecast for the end of the week, so it is time to get ready.

3. Speaking of winter, Widows Walk golf course is tentatively scheduled to close on December 10th, weather dependent, or could possibly extend to December 17th. Dog walking will begin starting on December 24th. 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 24th, 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.

4. Recreation winter registration opens Wednesday, Dec. 6th 9:00am. Please log onto the Town website for more information regarding winter programming and registration. <https://www.scituatema.gov/scituate-recreation-department>

Calls from the North Pole Information Sheets are due back to the Recreation Department by noon time on Dec. 6th. Don't miss out on this special opportunity for your kids to receive a special phone call from Santa Claus. Information sheets can be found at the Recreation Department or on the Town Website. Santa will be calling lucky children on Monday December 11th between 6:00 pm and 6:45 pm. Please make sure you get your information forms turned in on time.

5. The tennis nets have been taken down and put into storage for the winter season. They will be re-installed for use in early March (weather depending).
6. 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.
7. 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 complete and it looks very good.
 - The copper work is progressing from the lantern frame to the platform.
 - The final concrete pour (within the lantern room) occurred last week.
 - The glass installation is projected to start this week.
 - The pressure injected grouting is ongoing. The granite sections will be completed first and the contractor will work upward inside the tower. Until the grout work is completed, the scaffolding will remain around the tower.
 - On schedule for completion this month, with the exception of the painting which will most likely take place in the spring.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.

11. Meetings
 - Monday-ConCom
 - Tuesday-Select Board
 - Wednesday-Waterways
 - Thursday-Planning Board and Advisory Committee

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 12.4.23

Time Take (TT)

128 WORDS	2 MINUTE TO READ
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 This Week’s Top 2:

- School Committee Meeting
- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update

 School Committee Meeting: 12.4.23 at 6pm SHS Library

Agenda Highlights:

- Student Report: David Murphy and Louisa Kinsley
- SHS School Improvement Plan
- Celebrate Student Learning: Social Studies

***Cushing/Hatherly Building Project**

- Superintendent Burkhead and his team will join the new building projects Owner's Project Manager and Architect in attending the "Men's Breakfast" at the Scituate Senior Center tomorrow at 9am
- Public Meeting: 12.6.23 in Scituate HS Library. This meeting will also be simulcasted via zoom and recorded. Please visit scit.org and click on the "community" tab to access building project information. Topics covered at Public meeting:
 - ❖ Introduction to the Project and the Need
 - ❖ Review Site Planning progress
 - ❖ Review Building Design Progress:
 - ❖ Sustainability
 - ❖ Schedule and Next Steps