

## **Weekly Video Update, December 5, 2022**

### **Karen Connolly, Select Board Member**

Ms. Connolly noted that we have several meetings this week and all agendas can be found on the website here: [www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov).

The Food Pantry is very important this time of year and a list is available on the video if you can help. Scituate Community Christmas is another important organization, [www.scituatecommunitychristmas.org](http://www.scituatecommunitychristmas.org). If you need help, please reach out.

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

1. Water update. Reservoir took a big jump last week. We are at +6", last week we were at -17.5". Tack Factory Pond is at +3", last week we were at +1.5". Average daily demand was at 1.067 MGD down from last week's 1.125 MGD. With the reservoir being full at this time, water restrictions are rescinded and we are returning to normal usage rules.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.87" measured at the Plant.

Celco will be in town tomorrow to finish services on Foxwell Lane.

2. The Town Hall, Library and COA will be closed on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:45 am for training purposes. The library will re-open following the training. We have done this previously to ensure that all non-public safety employees are able to attend the training with as little disruption as possible. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.
3. The Scituate Food Pantry is helping more residents than ever before. They need donations of food products that they cannot get from the Greater Boston Food Bank. They are seeking the following: Beef stew, canned hams, Spam, hash, canned fish of all types. Cookies, hot and cold healthy cereals, condiments and salsa. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry Tuesdays 9am-1pm, Wednesdays 2:30pm-5pm and Thursdays 2:30pm-5:15 pm. Additional drop off locations are the Scituate Public Library, Village Market and Shaw's on 3A. Also, all Scituate Houses of worship accept donations for the food pantry.
4. The Veterans Advisory Council is meeting tomorrow night at 6pm at the VFW Hall. Any veterans interested in getting to know more about the council are invited to attend. In addition, on December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon on Lawson Common the Scituate Legion Post 144 will hold a Wreaths Across America ceremony. After the ceremony Scituate Post 144 and Scituate residents will place over 400 wreaths on graves at the Cudworth Veterans Cemetery called Winter Wreaths for Heroes. These wreaths are purchased by Post 144- donations can be sent to: Scituate American Legion Post 144 at P.O. Box 577, Scituate,

MA 02066 After the Cudworth ceremony there will be a short wreath tossing ceremony at the Michael Kelley Bridge on Route 3A.

5. We continue to ask that you patronize our local businesses when you are doing your holiday shopping. Local small businesses are the backbone of our community, providing jobs and supporting local charities and sports teams. Please shop local this holiday season.
6. Meeting schedule this week:
  - a. Monday: Conservation
  - b. Tuesday: Select Board
  - c. Wednesday: Capital Planning, Affordable Housing Trust and Waterways
  - d. Thursday: Advisory and Planning BoardPlease check the web site for locations and times.
7. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW. You might see some of our plow trucks around town over the next several weeks. We have some new employees in the DPW and they are out practicing and reviewing their plow routes in preparation for winter.

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

### **New Hatherly School Building Project Update: Designer Selection Process**

Dr. Robert Dutch (Director of Business and Finance), Kevin Kelly (Town Facility Director) and I joined the leadership from Vertex (Owners Project Manager) in attending the November 15, 2022 MSBA Designer Selection Meeting. I spoke on behalf of the district highlighting the qualities WE (the School Building Committee) agreed upon in representing the best firm and fit for Scituate Public Schools. The goal of the meeting was to "shortlist" Designers/Architects to the interview round being held on November 29th. The committee voted unanimously to move all 3 Designer/Architect firms forward to the interview round on November 29th.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Massachusetts School Building Authority Designer Selection Panel ("DSP") interviewed the finalists.

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Sections 44 through 58, and the MSBA Designer Selection Procedures, the Designer Selection Panel voted to rank the finalists, in order of qualifications, as follows for the subject project:

1. Dore + Whittier Architects, Inc.
2. Jonathan Levi Architects, Inc.
3. Studio G Architects, Inc.

The Designer Selection Panel determined that Dore + Whittier Architects, Inc. possesses the requisite skills and experience for this project, particularly in light of their extensive experience in the design and construction of schools in Massachusetts.

The Scituate School District will now take the appropriate local steps necessary to award the contract for designer services to the first-ranked firm and authorize fee and contract negotiations. Once the negotiations process is completed, an introductory meeting will be held with Dore & Whittier and the School Building Committee to discuss next steps in the process. We will communicate with our community the date/time/location of that meeting and our progress on the Hatherly School Project.

### **School Committee Meeting Highlights (12.5.22)**

- Scituate High School student representatives report
- Elementary School Improvement Updates (all 4 elementary schools)
- Scituate High School Celebration of Student Learning Presentation
- Superintendent Report: Personnel & MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) update

### **LIT Open House:**

Last Thursday evening we held our first LIT Open House to share updates, information and engage in discussion with our community pertaining to love, inclusion and trust (LIT) in our district. The event took place at our Scituate Town Library and was the setting for a communal gathering of varied members of our district and community. The event was attended by approximately 40 people. We would like to commend our DEI Director Mr. Jamele Adams for hosting this event. We will continue to be trailblazers in taking measures to ensure equity in our schools and learning environments that create a strong sense of belonging for our students.