

## **Weekly Video Update, January 3, 2023**

### **Maura Curran, Select Board Clerk**

Ms. Curran wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Upcoming Meetings this week:

Coastal Advisory meets Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6 PM

Advisory Committee meets Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7 PM. All agendas can be found on town website calendar <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

The Sister City Project continues their winter film festival on January 10, 2023 at 6 PM , showing “ Au Revoir Les Enfants” which will be held at the Senior Center, \$10 donation. The Series continues throughout January and February.

### **Jim Boudreau Town Administrator**

1. Water update. Reservoir took a big jump last week. We are at +3 1/2”, last week we were at +4”. Tack Factory Pond remains at +4”. Average daily demand was at 1.175 MGD almost identical to last week’s 1.177 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 With the reservoir being full at this time, water restrictions are rescinded and we are returning to normal usage rules.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 .5” measured at the Plant.

2. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor all those fighting cancer this Sunday, January 8, 2023 at the public safety complex, 800 CJCH from 8:00 am- 2:30pm aboard the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women’s Hospital Blood mobile. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. As a special thanks, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Donor Center hooded sweatshirt. Details on the town web site.
3. The DPW has re-established the salt-sand pile for residents in the small parking lot across from the Egypt Beach General Store. Residents can fill buckets to bring home for their use. This is not for contractors.
4. We reviewed the consultant’s report on the lighthouse. The team is moving ahead with replacing the current 1930’s lantern room with a new lantern room of the same design. After review, the top four feet of brick work will also be removed and replaced. The consultant will now prepare bid documents in preparation for getting the project out to bid by the end of this month and the repairs underway. Discussion will now take place on the cost of saving the old lantern room and options for re-use/placement.
5. The Scituate Food Pantry is helping more residents than ever before. They are in need of 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.

6. Widows Walk is now open to walkers. While you enjoy walking the course, we ask that you stay off the greens and keep your pets off the greens also. Greens are expensive and easily damaged so please help us and keep off the greens. We also ask that you pick up after your dogs and do not leave the waste on the course. Barrels will be available for disposal. The Drift In remains open, so after your walk or sledding, stop in for lunch or dinner.
7. If you are down in Cole Parkway you will see a conex trailer parked in the spaces for the harbormaster. This is the beginning of the new dock project that will be on-going this winter. The contractor will be removing the electrical boxes from the docks in preparation for removing the old docks. Starting in mid-January a portion of the parkway will be fenced off, similarly to what was done when we did the piling project. A plan showing the areas of work will be posted prior to the work commencing. All work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the boating season.
8. DPW has installed some snow fencing on OOB and the driftway to try and control blowing snow and icing on portions of those roadways that are susceptible to drifting snow. If you have suggestions for other areas of town that might benefit, please contact the DPW. 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**

## SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 1.3.23

### Big Things Happening in 2023

Big Things are happening in the Scituate Public Schools. As we usher in the New Year our focus is on the follow "**Big 3**" Items:

- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
- The Hatherly New School Building Project
- Strategic Plan

## **Why it Matters:**

- **The FY 24' Budget:**  
What we spend our money on reflects what we value in education. The FY 24' Budget Process is underway and we are committed to transparency and responsibility.
- **The Hatherly New School Building Project:**  
We have chosen an Architect! The feasibility and Architectural Design phase of the new building project is well underway. Next, we will be discussing Educational Programming and what the best education in the world looks like.
- **The SPS Strategic Plan:**  
A District's Strategic Plan reflects the vision and future of our schools. This work begins in February.

**Big Things Happening in 2023!**

- **Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks**