

Weekly Video Update, January 2, 2023

Maura Curran, Select Board Chair

Happy New Year! Meetings this week:

Conservation meets tonight, Tuesday, January 2nd at 6 PM

Waterways, Wednesday, January 3rd at 6 PM

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Widows Walk golf course is now closed for the season. Dog walking began 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 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.

2. Forecast is calling for a potential for accumulating snow this weekend, Saturday night into Sunday. Time to check on snow blowers and snow removal equipment. It is early, but people should prepare. Tides are forecast to be astronomically low next weekend, so coastal issues should be at a minimum.
3. 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 registertovotema.com. 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

4. Scituate Sister Cities will be hosting their annual 2024 Sister City Film Festival at the Reel Harbor Theater on January 11, 24, February 1 and March 5. Sucy-en-Brie will be presenting *Cyrano de Bergerac* on January 11 at 7pm and *Chocolat* on January 24 at 1 pm.

Cape Verde Santa Catarina do Fogo will present *The Volcano's Last Wish* on February 1 at 7pm.

Ireland West Cork will present *My Left Foot* on March 5 at 7pm.

Suggested donation is \$10.

5. The Recreation Department's Summer 2024 job applications are now available on the Recreation Department webpage on the Town website for volunteers, counselors, directors and lifeguards. Go to scituatema.gov, go to the Recreation page (scituatema.gov/scituate-recreation-department) and the applications are on the left side of the page.

6. Lighthouse renovations:

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 hope this work to begin this week. The grouting process is dependent on weather and temperature. A meeting with the mason and general contractor will be taking place this morning to determine the path forward. This portion of the work involves injecting grout into the existing brick work. The Scaffolding has been “wrapped in blankets” as this grouting process needs the exterior to be warmed as opposed to the interior for the granite portion. The grout needs to be kept warm until it sets and cannot be allowed to freeze. If necessary, we will postpone the grouting until the spring and complete it when we do the painting.
- 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 has begun 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. This is in preparation of the new water treatment plant to be constructed at the Stearns Meadow site. The Planning Board has finished their hearings and issued a Special Permit for the project. Conservation is in the hearing process now. We are on track to go out to bid at the end of January/beginning of February with construction starting late spring/early summer.

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. 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
 - Tuesday-Con Com
 - Wednesday-Waterways