

Covid Update, January 30, 2023

Jim Boudreau – Town Administrator Report

1. Water update. We are at +7”, last week we were at +8”. Tack factory Pond is also at +6 down from +7”. Average daily demand was at 1.022 MGD down from last week’s 1.038 MGD.
Rainfall over the last 7 days was 2.64” measured at the Plant.
2. The Annual Town Election will be held of May 20, 2023 at Scituate High School. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk’s Office for any registered voter interested in running for an elected position. Please call the Town Clerk’s office at 781-545-9743 if you are interested in taking out nomination papers. Papers must be returned with at least 100 signatures of registered voters for certification by the Town Clerk by 5:00pm on March 31, 2023
3. The Town of Scituate is launching Scituate Community Choice Electricity in March 2023, an electricity supply bulk-purchasing program that leverages the buying power of Scituate’s residents and businesses to provide competitively priced electricity options, longer term price stability, and 10% more renewable electricity than required by the Commonwealth.

Resident letters are being mailed **TODAY**, January 17th and residents will be automatically enrolled, however participation is voluntary and you may opt out or choose to switch to a different option with more or less renewable energy content. To opt out, you must take action by **February 21, 2023**.

Your service does not change with National Grid (or Eversource).

The Town will provide extensive information on our website as well as through our broker, Good Energy. Website is electricity.scituatema.gov or call 833-828-3222

Information sessions will be held on February 2 at 2:00 pm at the Senior Center and 6:00 pm at the Library in the Community Room. There is a video interview with Lisa Bertola, the Chair of the Committee, on the Town web site.

4. Please be advised that per the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Clam Flats are closed indefinitely due to a sewer overflow at the Rockland wastewater treatment plant. You can check the web page for the Division of Marine Fisheries or the page for the Scituate Town Clerk for updates.
5. GATRA will be establishing new transit services starting Feb 1, 2023. The new service will be GATRA on Demand Seacoast. Rather than the current service of a bus route with set times, On Demand Seacoast will function more like Uber or Lyft, where residents in the service area will be able to make an appointment to get picked up at the residence and taken to their destination in the service area. So, you will no longer have to get yourself to the bus stop and wait for the bus nor will you have to get dropped off at a stop and

walk to your designation. You can download the app, search GATRA GO on your mobile device. You can then use the app or call 800-698-7676 to arrange for your ride. Rides will be free for the month of February, then will be \$2.00 after that. Children under 6 are free.

6. 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.
7. 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. The base of the lantern's iron frame, which was severely corroded, was removed to lift off the lantern from the tower. We hoped that the remaining iron frame in the lantern was sufficiently free from corrosion to repair and graft a new base onto it, but close inspection shows that much of the remaining iron frame columns are corroded and unsalvageable. To selectively replace the corroded iron would effectively mean building much of a new frame entirely. Not to mention the woodwork and copper cladding, which requires almost complete replacement. By the time all the iron, wood, and copper work are repaired/replaced, we would effectively be looking at a new lantern anyways. Fabricating a new replica lantern with a modern frame, woodwork, and copperwork is the most prudent solution. And, allowing the contractor to take ownership of the existing lantern to use as a "template" in fabrication of a new one.
8. 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.
9. 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 next week, the contractor will be fencing off a portion of the Parkway near the bandstand to stage equipment and materials for the project, similar to what was done when we did the piling project. A plan showing the areas of work will be posted on the town web site later today. All work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the boating season.
10. The Superintendent and I have received several calls and emails relative to the condition of the large flag on the pole at the stadium field at the High school. The mechanism for raising and lowering the flag is not working so we have not been able to remove or lower the flag. We have tried using the town's fire department ladder truck but it does not have

the reach. Various crane companies have also either failed or not attempted the job. Our facilities department believes that a solution may be imminent and we will be able to repair the pole and remove the flag. We have a crane company lined up to do the work, however given the spate of warm wet weather, we cannot deploy the crane without doing significant damage to the landscaping and risk getting the crane stuck in the mud. We are waiting at this point for a good cold spell to get the ground hard enough to deploy the crane, fix the mechanism and remove the flag. In speaking with the Superintendent of Schools, our plan is to take the current flag down and replace it in the spring at the start of the spring sport season. This will save wear and tear on the flag during a period of time when the facility is not in use.

11. Just a heads up that Beach Stickers will go on sale on 2/13 at 8:30 am. Non-resident and Humarock only stickers will be for sale on-line only! The sale goes live at 8:30. You will not get an email that the stickers are on sale. If you are looking for a non-resident sticker remember that they sold out in 7 minutes last year so be ready!

- a. Non-Resident sticker is \$300
- b. Non-Resident Humarock only is \$100
- c. Resident stickers are \$35

12. Meetings

- a. Monday-Board of health and CPC
- b. Tuesday-Coastal Advisory
- c. Wednesday-Waterways
- d. Thursday-Community Choice Aggregation updates

Superintendent Bill Burkhead Update

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 1.30.23

Time Take (TT)

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| 326 WORDS | 2 MINUTES TO READ |
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This Week's Big 3

- Personnel Update
- Student Milestone
- Upcoming Important Meetings

Why it Matters:

- ★ **Personnel Update**

Hiring highly qualified people and keeping them in our district is a formula for success. We have recently filled two key leadership roles, Assistant Facilities Director and Food Services Director. We are in the process of hiring a Director of Business and Finance.

★ **Student Milestone**

Congratulations to Senior Girls Basketball senior captain **Grace McNamara** on eclipsing the 1,000 point mark Friday night in a game vs. Pembroke. She passed the mark on a deep three point shot in the second quarter. Grace becomes the 10th member of the Scituate High School 1,000 point club!

★ **Upcoming Important Meetings:**

Tonight the school committee will meet at 7:30 PM. Please note the late start. To learn more about the school districts FY 24' budget you may attend the following meetings:

- School Committee Budget Workshop **2.4.23 at 9am in the SHS library**
- School Committee Budget Hearing **2.6.23 at 6pm SHS library**
- School Budget Presentation at Select Board Meeting **2.7.23 at 6pm Town Administration Building**

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🔗 **SPS WELCOMES NEW FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR**

- ★ Scituate Public Schools is pleased to announce the hiring of **Patrick Legare** as the **Director of Food Service**. Patrick will arrive on Wednesday, **February 1**. He will replace David Stevens who will be leaving Scituate Public Schools to further a career in another field.

Background

- Prep Cook
- Johnson & Wales Graduate
- Executive Chef
- Restaurant Owner
- Andover Public Schools' Food Services Operations Supervisor

He is very excited to serve the Scituate community. He hopes to offer a fun, nutritious, accessible food service program for students to enjoy. Patrick and his wife, a special education teacher, and their 7 year old twins love to camp and use their boat. We are excited that Patrick loves to prepare New England seafood, one of his favorite foods.

Please join Scituate Public Schools in welcoming Patrick to Scituate.