

Weekly Video Update, February 13, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Upcoming Meetings

All agendas can be found on the town website <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

- a. Monday-Board of Health, Library Trustees
- b. Tuesday-Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- c. Wednesday-Assessors, Conservation, Affordable Housing Trust
- d. Thursday-ZBA, Historic Commission and Advisory Board.

Ms. Connolly encourages everyone to fill out the Pier 44 Park project survey on the town website. There are three preliminary designs for review and we are looking for public input. In early March we will have some public meetings.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

Mr. Boudreau noted that we did an initial survey of the Pier 44 location and the overwhelming response from people was that they would like a park. This survey is now what type of park would you like to see.

1. Water update. We are at +0", last week we were at +1.75". Tack Factory Pond is also at +2.5 down from +5". Average daily demand was at 987,000 thousand GD down from last week's 1.194 MGD. Rainfall over the last 7 days was trace amounts measured at the Plant.

As has been discussed at prior meetings of the Select Board, the Department continues to work on getting a full-scale pilot program up and running at the treatment for removal of iron and manganese from the water in the reservoir. A contract has been awarded to Tighe and Bond and we expect to have the system on line for the summer months when water use is heaviest.

Bids are out for the water main project on 3A. This is the installation of a raw water line from Old Oaken Bucket to the site of the new water treatment plant. It also entails the replacement of the service line on 3A that supplies water to the residents of 3A.

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 is seeking community feedback on concept designs for a new park being planned at the old Pier 44. All the feedback we receive from this survey will help guide the park design which includes demolishing the existing building and replacing it with parkland and a pavilion. It is an online survey and you can find the link on the Town News page on Coastal Management web page. The survey will be open for the rest of February so please take a few minutes to provide your comments. The first survey we did asked residents what they wanted to see at the site and the response was heavily in favor of some type of park. This survey will guide us towards the type of park that people are looking for. We are also planning two public information sessions that will be held on March 7th at the library. The first session will be at 11:00 am and the second will be at 7:00 pm.

4. 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 have been mailed 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 act 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

Two Information sessions were held on February 2 at 2:00 pm at the Senior Center and 6:00 pm at the Library in the Community Room. I know that the one at the library was very well attended. These meetings were videotaped and are available of SCTV's You Tube channel. There is a video interview with Lisa Bertola, the Chair of the Committee, on the Town web site.

5. 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.
6. 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. This project is being funded with monies from the Community Preservation Fund for Historical Preservation. The CPC and Town Meeting allotted \$2 million from the fund for this project. Filed sub bids were due Thursday, 2/9 with the general bids due 2/23.
7. The Scituate Fire Department is conducting a "Fill a Fire Truck" food to drive to help those in need and support the Scituate Food Pantry. During the month of February donations can be dropped off at any fire station. The always needed list includes canned fish, hot and cold health cereals, beef stew, canned ham, spam and hash, boxed rice or pasta, personal toiletries, cookies, crackers and granola bars and canned vegetables .
8. 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 this week (Thursday), 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. Equipment and floats will begin arriving at the end of this week and next week. All work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the boating season. This project is being funded through grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the

Town's Waterways Fund. The waterways fund is funded with user fees from boaters using moorings and slips in the harbor and for using the waterways in general.

9. The Superintendent and I had 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 was not working so we had not been able to remove or lower the flag. We are pleased to let people know that we were able to remove the flag and the broken mechanism. They have ordered new parts to repair the mechanism and will be returning to make repairs when those are available and the weather permits. Our plan is to leave the flag off the pole for the time being 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.
10. Just a heads up that Beach Stickers went on sale this morning. Non-resident and Humarock were on-line only. The bank did not open the sale right at 8:30 am, but when they did the non-resident stickers sold out in just over 2 minutes and Humarock in 11 minutes. Resident beach stickers can be purchased anytime.
11. Finally, on a sad note for us, but a happy one for her, Maura Glancy, our Fabulous Recreation Director has announced her retirement effective February 28, 2023. Maura has done a great job for the Town and she will be missed.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 2.13.23

Time Take (TT)

148 WORDS	1 MINUTE TO READ
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 This Week's Top 2:

- Cushing/Hatherly New School Building **Public Forum**
- School Committee Meeting

Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Cushing/Hatherly Building Project

Public Forum

Please accept our invitation to participate in the Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Public Forum

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:30 pm

Scituate Senior Center, 333 First Parish Road, Scituate

Architects Dore and Whitter, Owners Project Managers (OPM) Vertex, and the School Building Committee will present:

- How we got here
- Outline the MSBA process and schedule
- Discuss what is + what can be

We look forward to hearing **community feedback!**

The public forum will be recorded and shared if you are unable to attend*

Why it Matters:

- **Public Forum**

Opportunity to learn about the new school building project, ask questions and provide feedback

SPS School Committee Meeting

Monday, Feb 13, 2023

Highlights:

- SHS student representative report
- Equity Audit presentation: Public Consulting Group
- FY 24' SC Vote