

# Weekly Video Update, February 27, 2023

## Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +4.5", last week we were +2. Tack Factory Pond is also at +5.25 dup from +2". Average daily demand was at 998,571 TGD down from last week at 1.047 MGD.  
Rainfall over the last 7 days was .96" 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 and are due back this week. This is the installation of a raw water line from OOB 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 7<sup>th</sup> at the library. The first session will be at 11:00 am and the second will be at 7:00 pm.
4. The Scituate Sister City project invites everyone to the 2023 Winter Film Festival at the Scituate Senior Center tomorrow night Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 and the film starts at 6:30. The Film being shown will be "Belfast" the winner of the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival. Tickets are \$10 with students getting in free.

5. Please be advised that per the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Clam Flats have been re-opened. They have been closed due to a sewer overflow at the Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant.
6. We received the bids to replace the 1931 Lantern Room and associated work on the Scituate Lighthouse last week. Two bids were submitted. The apparent low bid is well within the appropriation approved for the project at Town Meeting. We will now be checking references and reviewing the bid prior to awarding the contract. The project is still scheduled to be completed this summer.
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 harbor master. 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. The docks have been arriving (more were being delivered this morning) and the new traffic pattern established. Please be aware of this when driving through Cole Parkway. 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. It looks like Winter is not over for us just yet. We are expecting a winter storm this evening into tomorrow. Snow totals vary by source, we are seeing anywhere from 1-2 to 3-5 inches. Crews will be out pre-treating the roads today and plowing when the storm gets going. I will be meeting with the DPW later this afternoon to get a clearing picture of what we are expecting and of course that will be communicated to Superintendent Burkhead. If you are traveling late tonight or early in the morning, please use caution.
10. A very Happy 291<sup>st</sup> Birthday wish to Chief Justice William Cushing who was born on March 1, 1732 here in Scituate. If you get a chance, you can visit the Cushing Memorial State Park located on Judge Cushing Road here in Scituate where Justice Cushing is buried. Rt. 3A in Scituate is also named after Justice Cushing. This year marks the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Justice’s Cushing’s ruling that effectively abolished slavery in Massachusetts.
11. Meetings
  - a. Monday-Select Board, Board of Assessors, Beach Commission and Board of Health
  - b. Tuesday-Financial Forecast, Recreation, Design Review, Public Buildings
  - c. Wednesday-Waterways

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

**SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 2.27.23**

Time Take (TT)

291 WORDS	2 MINUTEs TO READ
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**@ This Week’s Top 2:**

- Cushing/Hatherly New School Building “Communication & Voice”
- SHS Athletics Update

**NEW Website Location for All Things “New Building Project”**

- [Master Plan \(2018\)](#)
- [Visioning \(2019\)](#)
- [MSBA \(2021\)](#)
- [Feasibility Study \(2022\)](#)
- [1st Public Forum Video](#)
- [Community Voice/Input via ThoughtExchange](#)

The New School Building page is live <https://scit.org/page/2886/cushing-and-hatherly-msba-project>

To navigate quickly, hover over the community title on our [scit.org](https://scit.org) website

**Community Voice: Cushing/Hatherly New School Building Project**

We need your input on "To support the success of our students and schools, what ideas, perspectives, concepts, and other inputs should be considered as Scituate Public Schools undertake both a 5-year Strategic Plan and the Cushing/Hatherly Elementary School project?". To gather your feedback, we're using a tool called ThoughtExchange. All of our voices matter, so your participation is crucial and valued.

Click here to participate: <https://tejoin.com/scroll/412030157>

You'll be asked to respond to one open-ended question, consider and assign stars to some of the ideas shared by others and learn what's important to the group.

Your thoughts and stars are confidential. You can come back as often as you'd like to participate. The ratings will help us understand the most important areas to focus on.

If you need technical help, please call ThoughtExchange at 1-800-361-9027 ext. 4 or email [help@thoughtexchange.com](mailto:help@thoughtexchange.com)

### **SHS Athletics Update**

Boys Ice Hockey is the number 1 seed in the MIAA Division 3 hockey tournament and will host the winner of Bishop Stang vs Ludlow on Wednesday evening 3/1 at 7:50pm at Hobomock Arena.

Boys Basketball is the number 16 seed in the MIAA Division 2 basketball tournament and will host Middleborough on Thursday 3/2 at 6:30pm at the SHS Gymnasium. Jake and Tyler Linnell will be competing in the MIAA State Ski Championships on Wednesday.

### **Karen Canfield, Select Board Member**

Ms. Canfield reminded everyone that tonight is the Select Board meeting and encourages all to go to the town website to see the agenda for tonight's Select Board Meeting.

[https://www.scituatema.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3781/f/agendas/20230227\\_ssb\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.scituatema.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3781/f/agendas/20230227_ssb_agenda.pdf)

Have a great week!