

Weekly Video Update, March 13, 2023

Maura Curran, Select Board Clerk

This week we have several meetings:

Monday-BOH, Library Trustees

Tuesday-Coastal Advisory, Design Review and Water Resource Committee

Wednesday-Select Board and Shellfish Advisory joint meeting, Affordable Housing Trust

Thursday-Historical Commission, ZBA

The annual St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 19th at 1 PM at old Gates school and the weather looks to be perfect.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. We are closely monitoring and preparing for what is shaping up to be a classic Nor'easter that will impact us starting tonight and lasting into Wednesday. At this point our forecast is for mostly rain, but some forecasts have us on the edge of 1-4 inches of heavy, wet snow. The wind forecast is for steady winds from the east at 25-30 miles an hour with gusts possible from 50-60+ miles an hour. These higher winds could cause power outages throughout town. NGrid and Eversource have declared a Category 3 event, which means restoration could take from 48-72 hours after the storm ends. East winds means the potential for coastal flooding. We anticipate minor to moderate coastal flooding Tuesday at the high tides of 4:30 am (9.8" tide) and at 5:00 pm (8.3" tide). There is also the potential for additional flooding at high tide on Wednesday morning. We have posted a complete update on the Town web site and will be updating that later this afternoon and as the storm progresses. For those Facebook uses, Weathering Scituate, maintained by Stephen Maguire is a great resource also.
2. Water update. We are at +.5", last week we were +6". Tack Factory Pond is at +3" down from +6.5". Average daily demand was at 855 TGD down from last week at 1.171 MGD

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .10" measured at the Plant.

The water department is planning on starting spring flushing of the water mains next Monday, March 20th depending on the weather. We will post flushing locations and alert impacted areas by the end of this week.

Bids were opened for the Rte. 3A water main project last week. 8 contractors bid on the project. The apparent low bidder was less than the estimate for the job provided by contractor. Our consultant is reviewing the bids for compliance and will be making a recommendation to the Board for approval in the next several weeks. 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.

3. Here we go! The Town's Annual Saint Patrick's Day parade will kick off on Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 pm. The parade starts at the intersection of Cudworth and First Parish, proceeds down First Parish to the Harbor and ends at the Harbor Community Building. This is a great event and we are hoping for great weather and a large turn-out of happy revelers to come and enjoy the parade. Long range forecast is for Sunny weather on parade day! Details at weloveaparade.com
4. To all the dog walkers and walkers at Widow's Walk Golf Course, Sunday, March 19th will be the last day that the course is open for walkers. Beginning on Monday, March 20th, the course staff will begin readying the course for a tentative opening date of March 31st, weather dependent.
5. The Annual Town Election will be held 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.
6. Our Energy consultant, Good Energy, along with a member from our Community Choice Aggregation Committee, will be hosting a live presentation via Zoom and Facebook Live, on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM. This presentation will include Frequently Asked Questions about the electricity program options. The session will be recorded and available on the town website as well.
7. We received the bids to replace the 1931 Lantern Room and associated work on the Scituate Lighthouse last week. Two bids were submitted. The Board awarded a contract to Campbell Construction Group LLC at their meeting last week. We have posted a one-page summary of the project on the Town web-site. The project is still scheduled to be completed this summer.
8. If you are down in Cole Parkway you will see a Conex trailer parked in the spaces for the harbormaster. The old docks have been removed and the new ones are being installed by the contractor. There is a new traffic pattern established in Cole Parkway during the project. 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.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.13.23

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@ This Week's Top 2:

- School Committee Meeting 3.13.23 6PM
- SHS Athletics Update

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ SHS Student Report
- ★ Celebrate Student Learning Update: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)
- ★ Boys Volleyball Club Update
- ★ Director of Business & Finance position recommendation & vote
- ★ School District Report Card & Social Emotional Development Updates

SHS ATHLETICS WINTER TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Boys Basketball

The boys' basketball season ended this past Tuesday night. The boys lost in the round of 16 to Malden Catholic in a very well-played game. There are high expectations for next year's team as a lot of players will return. Congratulations to the Seniors on a great career.

Boys Hockey

The boys' hockey team won 2 big games last week. One in the Elite 8, 4-2 over Essex Tech on Wednesday night 3/8 and then in the Final Four on Saturday Night 3/11 4-2 over a very talented Watertown/Wayland team. The next stop is for the State Championship Sunday, 3/19 at TD Garden vs. Nashoba Regional High School.