

Weekly Video Update March 18, 2024

Susan Harrison, Select Board Clerk

Ms. Harrison thanked all those involved in planning and organizing the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. It was a great event!

Meetings this week:

Monday: EDC at 6:30, Conservation at 6 PM both are virtual meetings

Tuesday: First day of Spring! Coastal Advisory at 6 PM, DEI at 6:30 PM, Water Resources Commission at 6:30 PM, Public Building Commission at 7 PM.

Wednesday: Affordable Housing Trust at 6:30 and there is a Sister City West Cork Fundraising dinner 6:30 PM at The Tinkers Son with Irish music, food and drink. All proceeds go towards strengthening the bond between Scituate and West Cork and providing scholarships for high school exchange students.

Thursday: Cushing and Hatherly MSBA public Forum at 6:30 PM, Sister City Cape Verde Meeting at 6:30 PM, Historical Commission at 7 PM, and ZBA at 7 PM.

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

Saturday, March 23rd from 6 – 9 pm, Mini Golf Night to support the Library (adults only).

The library will be transformed into an LED mini golf course to fundraise for improvements to the children's and teens rooms. Come support the library! They are currently at 86% of their goal to raise \$10,000. On Sunday, there is a family event from 9 AM – 12 PM. Ms. Harrison reminds people to post their events on the Scituate Visitor Center Calendar online.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. I want to thank Ed Kelly and all the volunteers and participants who organized and took part in yesterday's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The weather was great and the route was packed with families having a wonderful time. Biggest crowd I can remember in my years participating and attending.
2. I am pleased to announce that we have promoted Jenn Smith to the position of Conservation Agent for the Town, taking the place of Amy Walkey. Jen has been working for the Commission as Senior Clerk for 6 years. We received approximately 15-18 resumes and HR Director Bob Clark, Commission Chair Frank Snow and I conducted 5 interviews and Jen was the unanimous choice.
3. From the Town Clerk nomination papers are available for the 2024 Town Election, which will be held on May 18, 2024 at the Scituate High School gymnasium. Offices available are as follows:
 - One Year Term
 - Moderator

- Three Year Term
 - Select Board
 - Assessor
 - Town Clerk
 - School Committee
 - Planning Board
 - Board of Library Trustees (2)
- To Fill a Vacancy for the Remainder of a Term
 - Planning Board - Position 2
 - Planning Board Alternate
- For Five Years
 - Housing Authority

If you are interested in taking out nomination papers, please call the Town Clerk's office at 781-545-8743.

The deadline to submit at least 100 signatures of registered voters of the town for certification (100 required) is Friday, March 29, 2024 by 5PM in the Town Clerk's office.

4. On Wednesday, March 20th (this week) at 9:00 am vacant dinghy slips will be up for assignment. Individuals currently on the Dinghy Wait List can visit the Harbormasters Office to secure a dinghy slip. Availability is limited and slips will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis for the 2024 season. Once all dinghy slips are allocated, a new Dinghy Wait List will be initiated, following the same procedure as the regular Slip Wait List. Beginning Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 9:00 am individuals interested in a dinghy slip will be able to register on line through the Harbormaster web site. If you have any questions, call the Harbormaster's Office at 781-545-8724.
5. Also, from the Harbormaster, Smith Marine has a crane barge doing work in the Harbor. They will be doing work at the Satuit Boat Club and the Town Pier. They will be driving pilings for the docks at Satuit Boat Club for their docks and replacing several pilings at the Town Pier.
6. The golf course is now closed for dog walkers. The course is currently scheduled to open for the season on March 29 and the crew will be using the time between now and then to prepare the course. Thank you for your keeping the course clean and in good shape during the winter walking season and we look forward to seeing you on the course when we open on 3/29.

7. The Town of Scituate is creating an engineered beach berm to focus on improving accessibility during high tide, mitigating flood risks, and enhancing wave dissipation. A higher beach elevation causes larger waves to break further from the wall, reducing loads on the wall and improving the flood protection performance. Grant funding from the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program. Some of the sand will dissipate within the littoral cell until the slope reaches equilibrium. It is not 'washed away'; it is still providing protection. Project hours from 7 AM to 5 PM. Traffic safety measures are being enforced by the Town of Scituate Police Department. Please visit the North Scituate Beach Nourishment page under Coastal Management on the Town of Scituate website.
Questions: Corey Miles (cmiles@scituatema.gov) and Sean McCarthy (smccarthy@scituatema.gov) for inquiries.
8. If you wanted last week's Select Board Meeting you will know that the Board accepted a donation for a Community Resource Dog, a 12-week-old male English Black Labrador Retriever.
Scituate joins 20 other departments within Plymouth County, which are working in partnership with the Plymouth County District Attorney's office. A name was chosen in partnership with the Scituate Public Schools and we are proud to welcome K9 Blue to the Police Force.
9. The Scituate Board of Health will be hosting a Mosquito and Tick presentation on Monday April 29 from 3:30pm-5:00pm at the Scituate Library in the Community Room. This presentation will be in collaboration with the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project and they will provide helpful tips on keeping you and your family safe from exposure to Mosquitos and Ticks.
10. The Recreation Department's Spring and Summer Registration opens Tuesday, 3/19 at 5:30pm. Registration for the Sailing and Maritime Adventures program opens on Wednesday, 3/20 also at 5:30pm. The 29th annual Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30 at 9:30am at Widows Walk. Always a great event. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information at 781-545-8738.
11. The Water Department is in the process of preparing their spring flushing program. More details to follow, but keep an eye on the Town web site for more information.
12. The Water Resources Committee is hosting their annual rain barrel sale for people wanting a rain barrel. Orders must be placed by midnight on Sunday, March 24th. Barrels can be ordered on-line from the Great American Rain Barrel web site, <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>. Select Massachusetts, then Scituate from the drop-down menus on the left-hand side. The barrels are normally \$119 or more, but are discounted for this program. You can choose Painted (gray, green or brown) for \$89, Unpainted (black) for \$84 and Terra Cotta for \$80. Barrels will be available for pick-up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 6 from 11:00am-3:00 pm. Note: If you are planning on connecting your barrel to a downspout, you will need to purchase a flexible downspout elbow or a rain diverter.

13. 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.
14. 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.

Cranberry Juice	Quick Bread Mixes
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned White Beans
Baked Beans	Canned White Tuna
Canned Mixed Fruit	Boxed Flavored Oatmeal
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Hand Soap

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.

15. Meetings
 - Monday-Economic Development, ConCom
 - Tuesday-Coastal Advisory, DEI, Water Resources, Public Building
 - Wednesday-Affordable Housing Trust
 - Thursday-Cushing/Hatherly MSBA Project Public Forum, Cape Verde Sister City and Historical Commission
16. Make sure to check out the Scituate Community TV YouTube Channel for Town of Scituate updates on news, school events & sports, and community programs. Also, make sure you register for Town of Scituate emails by going to the web-site and clicking on "Subscribe to News". Follow the Town on Facebook.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.18.24

Time Take (TT)

79 WORDS 1 MINUTE TO READ

This Week's Top News :

- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update

Cushing/Hatherly New School Project

● For important new building project information please visit scit.org and click on “MSBA Project” on home page

● **Public Forums:**

❖ Thur. Mar. 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Cushing Elementary School

❖ Tue. Apr. 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Scituate Senior Center

SAVE THE DATES

Special Town Meeting: Funding Vote

● Mon. Apr. 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Scituate High School

Annual Town Election: Debt Exclusion Vote

● Sat. May 18, 2024, Scituate High School