

## **Weekly Video Update, March 27, 2023**

### **Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Member**

Mr. Goodrich commented on how amazing the community of Scituate is in times of need. Thank you to our first responders and all those helpers who are responding to the tragic fire that occurred over the weekend.

Upcoming meetings this week:

Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>: Hybrid Advisory and Select Board meeting to discuss the budget at 7 PM

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Traffic Rules and Regulations meets at 4:30 PM at Town Hall

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Cole Parkway Redevelopment meeting at 6 PM.

### **Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. I wanted to start today by thanking the members of the Scituate Police and Fire Departments for the outstanding job that they did in fighting the five- alarm fire in Minot on Friday night. I had multiple Fire Chiefs from neighboring communities' comment on what a fantastic job was done by the first responders from Scituate Fire in keeping the fire from spreading to even more houses. In addition, I would like to thank the surrounding fire departments that responded to assist in fighting the blaze. We received mutual aid from 9 other departments and approximately 90 fire fighters were employed during the fire. We were extremely lucky that no residents or first responders were injured during the fire. Our hearts go out to the home owners and residents impacted by the fire. MEMA, the Red Cross and Scituate Community Christmas are all available to those in need of assistance.
2. Water update. We are at +.25", last week we were +5". Tack Factory Pond is at +3" down from +6". Average daily demand was at 1.142 MGD up from last week at 1.067 MGD. The water department brought employees in Friday night during the fire to run the water treatment plant to ensure that there was sufficient supply and pressure to fight the fire.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 0" measured at the Plant.

The water department is planning on continuing spring flushing of the water mains this week as follows:

Egypt Beach Road down Egypt Ave  
Egypt Beach to Tilden  
Norwell Ave

This will affect Tilden Road and Wampatuck areas and include side streets in between.

3. Also, water related, the Town and our consultants will be on the property on the Stearns Meadow property on Rte. 3A where we will be building the new water treatment plant later this week to do some test pits for soil sampling as we move forward with the design of the new plant. A notice has gone out to neighboring residents by email.
4. Once again Scituate has partnered with the Great American Rain Barrel Company to provide residents with rain barrels at the discounted price of \$89 per painted barrel (Gray, Green or Brown), \$84 for unpainted and \$80 for Terra Cotta. Scituate residents have purchased more than 300 rain barrels through the promotional event over the last two years. Orders must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight with pick-up May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Transfer Station. Details are available at the Town web site.
5. The Scituate Police will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor all those fighting cancer. The Drive will take place this Wednesday, March 29 from 11:00 am-5:30 pm at the Public Safety Complex, 800 CJC Hgwy. Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins will be taken as time allows. Details are available on the Scituate Police Department Facebook page.
6. Fencing will be going up on Central Field shortly as we begin the project to add a new softball diamond and repair and existing baseball diamond. This is a CPC funded project that will continue until late spring/early summer.
7. The Veterans Advisory Council will have a public meeting on April 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Scituate Senior Center to discuss the proposed LTJG John P. Connors Memorial Project. John was a Scituate native who was killed in action in Panama at the age of 25. The proposal is to construct a memorial on the Town Common to honor John and all veterans who lost their lives in service to their Country.
8. The Scituate Sister City Project is in urgent need for Host Families for a visit from Teachers and High School Students from France. 2 Teachers and 19 students are expected to be in Scituate April 3-11. Unfortunately, some of the Host Families are now unavailable and new Host Families are needed. All activities for the week have been planned, and chaperones have been selected to take the students around. The Committee will make your hosting as easy as possible. If you are interested, contact Patricia Jacquart at [prjacquart1410@gmail.com](mailto:prjacquart1410@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The exchange program is a great way for our students to meet others from different countries and we have the opportunity to send our students overseas (currently a contingent returning from Ireland) so please help if you can.
9. To all the dog walkers and walkers at Widow's Walk Golf Course, the course is now closed for walking. Beginning yesterday, the course staff will begin readying the course for a tentative opening date of March 31<sup>st</sup>, weather dependent.
10. Annual and Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Scituate High School Gymnasium. There are 8 articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and 17 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. As always, the Annual Budget and

Capital budget, along with our enterprise accounts will be on the warrants for approval for the next fiscal year. As the sign says “be there or be unheard”.

11. 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.
12. Please be advised that per the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Clam Flats in the North/South River are once again closed due to a sewer overflow at the Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please watch the Town website for information on when they will be re-opening.
13. Congratulations to the Scituate 4th Grade Girls basketball team who were the 2022-2023 Old Colony League Division 1 Champions.  
Players: Callie Peterson, Claire Coffey, Claire Smith, Harper McNulty, Molly Mahoney, Victoria Frasu, Finley Joyce, Charlotte Wolfe, Charlotte Nangle and Ellery Griffin.

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

## SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.27.23

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### **@ This Week’s Top 3:**

- Cushing/Hatherly MSBA Project Public Forum
- School Committee Meeting
- The Finest Hours

#### **Cushing/Hatherly MSBA Project Public Forum**

Join us on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Gates Middle School Dining Commons as Architects Dore and Whittier , Owner Project Manager (OPM) Vertex, and the School Building Committee will share preliminary design options .

#### **Learn More**

Visit the SPS website at [scit.org](http://scit.org) and click on “Community” at the top to find information about the project’s history, current process and timeline. School Building Committee meeting

presentations and videos will be shared as well as other project related resources. Keep an eye out on the SPS newsfeed and calendar for updates and opportunities for community participation and input.

### **School Committee Meeting Highlights: Monday, March 27, 2023**

- Student Representative Report
- Celebrate Student Learning: Fine Arts/Music & World Language
- FY 24 Budget Update
- Cushing/Hatherly School Project Update
- Introduction of New Business & Finance Director

## **THE FINEST HOURS**

I was honored to attend a special presentation by our students. The sixth- grade students just finished their curriculum unit on *The Finest Hours*, about a heroic Coast Guard rescue off of the coast of Cape Cod. As part of the unit students developed themes around four central concepts from the story - Courage, Teamwork, Perseverance, and having a sense of Duty/Service. During the event the sixth graders welcomed local community members who engaged in a panel discussion surrounding how those same central concepts impact their personal and professional lives.

Panel Members:

- \* Shane Belvin, father of a current sixth grader and an Iraq War veteran
- \* Nick Sharry, Scituate Public School Resource Officer, of the Scituate Police Department
- \* Jamele Adams, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Scituate Public Schools
- \* Eduardo Rosado, parent of a current seventh grader and member of the US. Coast Guard
- \* Chris Longman, minister of the Harbor United Methodist Church in Scituate
- \* Annemarie Galvin, Director of Scituate FACTS
- \* Erica Washburn of the Scituate Fire Department

Thank you to teachers James O'Sullivan, Matt Mulder, and Sara DeMatteo for organizing this authentic and inspirational event.