

## Weekly Video Update, March 6, 2023

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +6", last week we were +4.5". Tack Factory Pond is at +6.5" up from +5.25". Average daily demand was at 1.171 MGD up from last week at 998,571 TGD. Some of this increase was caused by a large water main break (8" pipe) at the intersection of Turner and Otis. This is one of the lowest points in the system and led to brown water issues and low pressure throughout the system. More than 470,000 gallons of water was lost in this break. The water department did an outstanding job in lousy weather conditions to locate and repair the leak. I would also like to thank the SPD who were instrumental in helping the water department locate the leak.

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 Woodward and Curran (previously reported Tighe and Bond) and we expect to have the system on line for the summer months when water use is heaviest.

Bids were opened for the Rt. 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.

2. The on-line questionnaire regarding what kinds of things people would like to see at the park at the former Pier 44 is now closed and we were lucky to have almost 1400 responses. The results of the questionnaire can be found on the SHARC page of the town website. There is still time to make your voice heard. The Town will be holding two public information sessions tomorrow, 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. As has been mentioned, the Town has conducted two resident surveys on the former Pier 44 Property. The first survey 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.
3. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

4. 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.
5. 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. Our OPM will now be checking references and reviewing the bid prior to awarding the contract. The project is still scheduled to be completed this summer.
6. 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.
7. Meetings
  - a. Monday-Conservation
  - b. Tuesday-Select Board and Pier 44 Public information session
  - c. Wednesday-Commission on Disabilities, ZBA hearing on proposed 40B on OOB
  - d. Thursday-Planning Board and Advisory Committee

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

**SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.6.23**

Time Take (TT)

387 WORDS	2 MINUTES TO READ
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** This Week's Top 3:**

- Community Partnerships 4 Kids
- SHS Athletics Update
- Sailor Shout Out

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 4 KIDS**

**★ TAKING SAFETY & RELATIONSHIPS AS PRIORITIES**

Recently, SPD Chief Mark Thompson had an opportunity to meet with our elementary principals in an effort to reconnect. One of the discussion points was having an increased presence in the schools and working to increase officer engagement with our kids. To that end, we will be “re-

booting” the practice of “school walk-throughs” in each of our elementary schools. There are some fundamental goals WE hope to achieve with this initiative:

- Continue to foster a positive relationship among officers, students and staff
- Increase officer availability to answer/address routine safety/security questions and concerns
- Help to “normalize” officer presence in the building
- Maintain/enhance officer familiarity with school facilities/layouts

### ☆ *SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS*

The SPS partnered with Annmarie Galvin, Project Director of Scituate Families, Adolescents, and Communities Together against Substance Abuse (FACTS), and Independence Academy Recovery School Director Ryan Morgan for a visit (photo below) to learn more about the recovery high school (1 of 5 in the state) and our partnership moving forward. Our SHS team will continue to work with the Independence Academy leadership and staff to develop a plan to proactively offer our students support.

Director Morgan stated that the SPS is "the first district EVER to commit to funding transportation” for students. WE are proud of our commitment to partnerships fostering proactive support for our students in need.

## **SHS ATHLETICS WINTER TOURNAMENT UPDATE**

Boys Basketball

#16 seed

Hosted 17 seed Middleboro in round of 32 and won 66-55.

The Sweet 16 game is Tuesday 3-7 at 7pm vs #1 seed Malden Catholic. The game is at Malden Catholic.

Boys Hockey

#1 Seed

Hosted 32 seed Bishop Stang in round of 32 and won 7-0

The Sweet 16 game was against Dighton-Rehoboth/Seekonk and the Sailors prevailed 3-1.

The Elite 8 game is Wednesday 3-8 vs #8 seed Essex Tech at Hobomock Arena at 6:00pm.

## **SAILOR SHOUT OUT**

### ☆ *READ ACROSS AMERICA*

**Superintendent Burkhead was honored to be part of a community and school partnership to join Jenkins Elementary school in their "Read Across America Day" celebration as a guest reader on Friday, March, 3rd. I read "Clark the Shark" to Ms. Johnson's 2nd grade class and the conversations were priceless! Thank you to our principles, educators, students and community members for celebrating reading together!**

## **Tony Vegnani, Select Board Chair**

Select Board Meeting is tomorrow night, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be wrapping up the budget prior to Annual Town Meeting.

Annual and Special Town Meeting is April 10, 2023 at 7 PM.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Tomorrow night, March 7, are the Pier 44 Information sessions at 11 AM and 7 PM in the Community Room at the Library.

Have a great week!