

Weekly Video Update, April 24, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Ms. Connolly welcomed everyone back from school vacation. Superintendent Burkhead will not be on the update this morning as he had a prior commitment.

This week the Select Board and School Committee are meeting tomorrow night (April 25th) to appoint the interim School Committee member to fill the vacancy until after the Election.

Wednesday: ZBA is holding a 40 B meeting for Old Oaken Bucket Rd.

All meetings can be found on the town of Scituate calendar: <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

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Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +1.5", two weeks ago we were +2". Tack Factory Pond is at +2" down from +2.25". Average daily demand was at 1.097 MGD up from my last report at 1.136 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .05" measured at the Plant (does not include yesterday's rain).

The water department is planning on continuing spring flushing of the water mains later this week as follows as the staff is in training today. Look at the Town web site later today for information.

The Town will be imposing our annual water conservation measures starting May 1. Between May 1-September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week based on voting precincts. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

Celco is doing pipe work at the water treatment plant for the manganese filters to help with brown water issues this summer.

2. Town Hall will be closed this Friday, April 28 for staff training. This training was originally scheduled for this past December but was postponed due to a rise in COVID numbers for Town Employees. This closure includes the water and sewer department offices. The library, COA and Recreation will be closed in the morning and will open at

noon. This is something that was done pre-COVID once or twice a year to make sure all town staff receive needed training. We apologize for any inconvenience.

3. The Town's annual spring clean-up, Ship Shape Day, will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8 AM – 1 Pm. Trash bags and other supplies can be picked-up at the Town Hall or the Humarock Post Office (Humarock Post Office until 12:30). DPW crews will pick up the trash on Monday. This is great event and really helps keep Scituate clean. Last year approximately 9 tons of trash was collected on Ship Shape Day.
4. The Annual Town Election will be held on May 20th at the SHS Gym.
Poll hours are 8AM-6PM.
May 10th-The deadline to register to vote (if you are not already registered in Scituate). Absentee ballots will be available to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office the first week in May. The deadline to absentee vote in person is noon on May 19th.
Vote by Mail Applications and a "Sample" ballot can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the Town Web site at www.scituatema.gov, click on Government, then click on Town Clerk, and click on the red banner at the top of the page and you will see the attachments at the bottom. Print, fill out and submit the "Vote by Mail" form to the Town clerk's office only if you would like a ballot mailed.
The deadline to request a mailed ballot is May 15th.
Mailed ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office or Town Hall drop box prior to the close of the polls (6PM) on election day.
5. Annual and Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, April 10. I would like to thank all who attended and participated.
6. The DPW has started work replacing the sidewalk on Ann Vinal starting at Hollet Street, extending up to and past the intersection with Captain Pierce. This is replacement of an existing sidewalk with new granite curbing and sidewalk. We will install the curbing and put a base coat sidewalk until the gas company finishes installing the new gas line and laterals, then we will do the top coat. The sidewalk is in tough shape, so this project will be a huge improvement.
7. The Town's Contractor, National Water Main, will begin the first phase of our sewer Inflow and Infiltration project (I&I) this week. They will begin inspecting pipes in the Eqypt Ave and Alden areas, moving into Sand Hills in the coming weeks. After the investigation process is complete, they will return and begin the process of cleaning and lining the sewer pipes. I&I work makes repairs to our sewer pipes, removing ground water and storm water from the system, thereby increasing our capacity to treat sewerage, reducing costs by taking flow out of the waste stream and helping prevent blockages by making repairs to the system. Questions-call the sewer department at 781-545-8736.
8. As we have announced, the Town has taken part in the Community Choice Electricity program.

Several other communities that have launched community electricity programs have alerted us that some of their residents have received scam emails and texts with regards to their electricity program. Please be aware of this and know that you will NOT be contacted by anyone via email, text, telephone, or in person in regards to the program. For more information please visit the Scituate Community Choice Electricity page <https://www.scituatema.gov/scituate-community-choice-electricity-program>

9. 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 30th at midnight with pick-up May 13th at the Transfer Station. Details are available at the Town web site.
<https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/rain-barrels-for-sale-1>
10. 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.

Have a great week!