

## Weekly Video Update April 8, 2024

### Maura Curran, Select Board Chair

Today is solar eclipse day and we can expect to see it between 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Please make sure that you wear your solar glasses and don't look directly at the sun.

Tonight, is Special and Annual Town Meeting. There are many important articles for consideration including a 22 Million Capital Improvement Plan that includes Oceanside seawall engineering and design, replacement of water mains, design and construction of a water tank, and design of North Scituate business district sewer expansion. We have a 99 Million operating budget to consider as well as important zoning by laws to address multi family zoning in MBTA Districts in North Scituate and Greenbush areas.

Other meetings this week include Select Board Meeting on Tuesday and Commission on Disabilities on Wednesday. Please check the website for all agendas.

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2024-04>

Ship Shape Day is May 4<sup>th</sup> and supplies will be at Town Hall 8-1 PM. Thank you to residents who help with this and our Beautification Commission for spearheading this event.

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Annual and Special Town Meetings tonight, **April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Scituate High School gymnasium. On the agenda are the annual operating and capital budgets, Community Preservation projects, and MBTA communities zoning compliance.
2. Please be a little more aware as you are driving around town the next couple of days, The tides through Friday are astronomically high which could lead to some localized minor flooding in low lying areas that are prone to flooding. Should not be anything too bad or widespread, but be cautious.
3. The Scituate Water Department will be starting flushing of the water system today. They will be starting at Maple Street and working their way down Old Oaken Bucket to the Rotary. They will also be flushing side streets and neighborhoods off Old Oaken Bucket. This routine maintenance may cause temporary changes, including brown water in both the area of flushing and beyond. Questions-call the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.
4. The contractor for the Scituate Lighthouse project is scheduled to be back on -site April 22nd to complete the remaining work on the Lighthouse. As residents may recall, we were forced to pause the project last year when the weather got to cold. The required grout work requires that the temperature remains over 40 degrees. Grouting, metal

handrails outside the lighting room, some glass work and painting are the major remaining project items.

5. Mark your calendars for **2024 Ship Shape Day** that will take place on Star Wars Day, **Saturday, May 4**. Supplies can be picked up at Town Hall from 8am-1pm at the Town Hall. Clean-up can be done on Saturday and/or Sunday and residents can leave the special Ship Shape Day bags by the side of the road where they will be picked up by the DPW. Ship Shape Day is sponsored by the Beautification Committee and the Town of Scituate.
6. The Town Treasurer would like to remind residents that quarterly payments for real estate and personal property taxes are due by **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. You can pay your taxes in person at the Treasurer's Office here at Town Hall or through the Town web site under "Online Services" on the Town's Home page and selecting "Pay Bills Online." For additional details you can visit the Treasurer's web page and select "Important Tax Information."
7. 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.
8. The Scituate Health Department will also be hosting the **Dana-Farber Mammography Van on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Women aged 40 and older interested in scheduling an appointment can reach out to the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974.  
Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process.

The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road.

Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van

The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Screening mammograms will be conducted by Dana-Farber's skilled technologists and interpreted by board-certified radiologists from Dana-Farber.

For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.

9. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive with the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center to remember and honor all those fighting cancer. The Drive will take place on **Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 8:00am – 2:30pm** at the Public Safety Complex,

800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. A photo ID is required. As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Center \$10 Target Gift Card. For information call 617-632-3206.

10. The Mordecai Lincoln Committee has developed a survey for residents interested in providing input on the future use of the Mordecai Lincoln property Your feedback will play a pivotal role in determining the future of this space. The Mordecai Lincoln Property survey is now available for residents to complete. We encourage you to take a few moments to share your thoughts by completing the online questionnaire is available on Facebook and the Town of Scituate Website under Town News:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5X58SMR>

11. The Recreation Department and the Scituate Bike Committee will be hosting a Pedal for the Planet Slo Roll on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Online registration is required before the event. Cost is \$5 per participant. Sign-ins start at 10:30am with the event kicking off at 11:00am. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.

12. Burning Season opens 1/15/2024

#### Burning Permit Regulations

Open burning is prohibited in the following areas: Minot, Humarock and any location EAST of Hatherly RD.

The Scituate Fire Department will strictly enforce the following State regulations. All permit holders must agree to abide by these rules, with the understanding that the Scituate Fire Department reserves the right to refuse or revoke any permit that does not conform to these rules.

- a. The open burning season for residential properties will be from January 15, 2024, through May 1, 2024
- b. Permit burning is only allowed between the daylight hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm and all fires must be started before noon and all fires must be completely extinguished by 4:00 pm
- c. Burning sites will be spot checked and permits for areas not meeting these requirements will be refused or revoked
- d. All fires must be at least 75 ft from any structure and you must have an available water supply, such as, a pressurized water pump, can, or hose and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.
- e. **ONLY BRUSH MAY BE BURNED: LEAVES AND GRASS MAY NOT.** All fires must be tended to at all times. Piles of brush must be kept small and manageable. If fire extends beyond the initial area the permit may be revoked.
- f. If we receive a complaint that the fire is causing a smoke nuisance, the fire will have to be extinguished.
- g. You must check online each day to verify and request burning.

Permission will be granted only on those days when winds, dryness of woods and atmospheric conditions warrant the issue of same.

h. Increases in wind velocity, or change in other conditions, will be cause for the immediate extinguishments of fires by all permit holders.

i. A fine of \$500.00 is applicable by Mass. Law for any illegal burning

j. The Scituate Fire Department will immediately revoke the permit if the above rules and regulations are not strictly adhered to. There will be no refund of fees if the permit is revoked for cause.

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](https://www.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. <https://www.scituatema.gov/home/urgent-alerts/cushing-and-hatherly-msba-project>

The Special Town Meeting to consider this project is **Monday, April 29 at 7:00pm** at the Scituate High School gymnasium.

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.

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Low Sugar Cereal (Cheerios/Chex/ Rice Krispies, etc.)

Boxed Oatmeal

Juice Boxes

Cranberry Juice

Jell-O/Pudding Cups

Canned White Tuna

Canned Mixed Fruit

Baked Beans

Quick Bread Mix

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. Stay informed about the North Scituate Beach Nourishment Project by checking out the Coastal Management and Flood Hazard Mitigation page on the Town of Scituate website.

16. Meetings

Monday-Town Meeting

Tuesday-Select Board

Wednesday-Commission on Disabilities

17. 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.