

Weekly Video Update, May 16, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 53, a big jump from 32 of last week. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 62 up from 53. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 6.16% a jump up from 5.67% of last week. Plymouth County is at 6.33%, up from last week's 5.18%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 8.68% up from the previous week of 6.63%. Statewide there are 64 individuals in ICU up from 47 of last week. 22 patients are intubated, the same as 22 of last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even as the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable due to the high vaccination in Massachusetts. Currently, 11 out of 14 counties have high levels of COVID. Only Bristol, Hamden and Hampshire counties are medium risk. In counties with high Covid numbers, the CDC recommends masks in indoor spaces and public transportation. There are no mask mandates in place currently.

We are not done with COVID yet. Although it is only one week, the numbers are trending up. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense than not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and boosters are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained was at +20.00, down from +2.75". Tack Factory Pond was at +1.75 down from +2.5 last week. Average daily demand was at 1.366 mgpd, up from 1.2 mgpd. last week's usage. This again was mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). Manganese measured at the WTP is at .108 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is still not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .05" measured at the Plant.

Celco, our water contractor, will be replacing a broken hydrant on Trysting Road today. The hydrant valve is broken so a good portion of Indian Trail will not have water while the repair is taking place. They will begin installing services on Bradford Ave and Lantern Lane this week.

3. With water updates and spring comes a proliferation of car wash fund raisers. Just a reminder to those planning a car wash, prior permission from the Water department is required. Please contact the water department at 781-545-8735.
4. MassDot paved the rotary and striping will be done this Sunday, 5/22, starting at 7:00 pm and going until 5:00 am. Avoid the rotary during that time if possible or expect delays.
5. Marriot Bonvoy will be filming a commercial at the Light House on May 18 from 6pm-Sunset.

6. The DPW began work on the outfall on Oceanside Drive today. The outfall is located in the vicinity of Kenneth Ave. This outfall was damaged in a storm and repairing it will help alleviate flooding somewhat in that area. In addition, crews are installing beach mats starting today. This is good news for those who need the mats to access the beaches with the first warm spring weather we have had.
7. The Town marinas opened this weekend and it was good to see boats coming back to the harbor. If you are on the or near the water be aware that we will have astronomically high tides today into tomorrow morning. Tonight's tide is expected to be 11'. Possible very minor flooding in low lying areas.
8. Paving schedule still being finalized as the price of asphalt changes constantly. Two roads we get the most calls on are Old Oaken Bucket and Brook Street. Both will be paved this season as part of the water projects. We are waiting on the paving contractor to let us know when we are scheduled.

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Clerk

Two upcoming events this weekend: The Coast Guard will be launching National Safe Boating Week on Saturday, May 21st at 10 AM at the Coast Guard Office.

On Sunday, May 22nd the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Launch ceremony will be held at the Bandstand beginning at 1 PM.

Town Election is May 21st from 8 AM – 6 PM.

Beautification meets on May 17th at the library at 7 PM. Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) has a meeting tomorrow on the 17th at 6:30 PM via Zoom (link on town website). Tonight, May 16th, EDC is meeting in the library at 6:30 PM.

Superintendent Burkhead is not here today. Mr. Goodrich wished all the kids' good luck in this week's MCAS tests.