

Weekly Video Update, May 2, 2022

Maura Curran Select Board Member

Ms. Curran announced that the Superintendent will not be joining this morning. She thanked the Beautification Commission for organizing Ship Shape Day which was a great success. Please be patient as DPW will be picking up bags around town all week.

The Candidates Forum is this Thursday, May 5th from 7-9 PM at the GAR Hall.

Tonight (May 2) we have Conservation at 6:00 PM

Board of Assessors is tomorrow (May 3) at 5:30 PM

Waterways and Shellfish Advisory both meet May 4th at 7 PM

Scituate Harbor Advisory Re-Development Commission is May 5th at 7 PM

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 24, up from 18 of last week and on par with the 25 of the previous week. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 51. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 5.15% a jump up from 3.96% of last week. Plymouth County is at 4.43%, up from last weeks' 3.53%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 5.37% up from the previous week of 4.56%. Statewide there are 37 individuals in ICU up from 25 of last week and the same as the 37 of two weeks ago. 15 patients are intubated, up from 12 of last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even is the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable do to the high vaccination in Massachusetts.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet gotten vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. We are now getting into spring and the water usage season is upon us so we will now resume our weekly water updates for residents. The reservoir remained at +2.75", down from +3.25" of last week. Tack Factory Pond was at +2.25", down slightly from +2.5" of last week. Average daily demand was at 1.2 mgpd, up from 1.084 mgpd last week. This again was mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). Manganese measured at the WTP is at .96 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .3" measured at the Plant.

Celco our water line contractor is back at work. They will be on Jericho lane. They will also be installing hydrants on side streets off of Sedgewick Drive.

The Water Division has scheduled boring work for soil analysis on CJCH. The work will run from May 4th through May 6th between the rotary and Doctor's Hill Drive. Residents may want to avoid the area as there will be minor traffic disruptions. This work is being done in preparation of a water main replacement project. The Town thanks drivers for their patience during this important work to improve our water system.

3. MassDot began the paving project for the rotary on Route 3A last night. The work will be as follows:

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| Sunday May 1 st | Milling Operations |
| Wednesday and Thursday May 4 th and 5 th | Castings will be raised and structures rebuilt |
| Sunday May 8 th | Paving |

All work will be from 8pm until 5AM (overnight)

Although we have not received a traffic plan from MassDot, traffic will be detoured during these hours. Expect delays if you are traveling in that area during construction hours. Work will be weather dependent. Once we receive the traffic plan from MassDot we will post it on the town web site.

4. Many of you have received a notice that Hollywood is returning to Scituate! The Paramount Pictures film the Finest Kind, starring Tommy Lee Jones, Ben Foster, Toby Wallace and Jenna Ortega (sorry Tommy Lee will not be here) will be filming scenes at a home on Edward Foster Road May 2 - May 4. The crew will be using a portion of the Peggotty Beach parking lot for crew parking and catering. If you ever watch a movie getting filmed it is BORING!
- a. We will also have a series called "Houses with History" in Town starting on 4/27. They will be filming work of two historic houses, one on First Parish and one on Tilden. That filming will be in the homes and will be on and off through October. You may see crews around town shooting b-roll film.
 - b. Marriot Bonvoy will be filming a commercial at the Light House on May 18th from 6pm-Sunset.
5. Ship Shape was this weekend. Crews will be out grabbing the trash this week. Be patient as it will take a little time to get to all of it.
6. The Scituate Town Library will be closed on Thursday, May 5th, for staff training on safety and emergency preparedness. We apologize for any inconvenience. The book drop in the library's parking lot and on the side of the building will be open for returns. The library will reopen for regular business on Friday, May 6th, at 9 a.m. Don't forget that the library has a vast array of resources online, please visit www.scituate-town-library.org to learn more. Also keep in mind that your Old Colony Library card provides you access to libraries across the South Shore, if you have an immediate need. You can see a full list of our members and their hours here--<https://ocln.overdrive.com/support/members>. Thank you!
7. Finally, for you Star Wars fans, Wednesday May 4th is Star Wars day. May the Fourth be with you! And an earlier Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. Mother's Day is next Sunday so you still have time to get a gift for the someone special at one of the great local businesses here in Scituate.