

## **Weekly Video Update, May 8, 2023**

### **Karen Canfield, Select Board Member**

Ms. Canfield gave a huge shout out to the Beautification Commission and DPW for the annual Ship Shape Day and a thank you to all the residents who participated.

Meetings this week:

Monday: Board of Health, Library, CPC

Tuesday: Select Board Meeting. We will recognize Tony Vegnani's last meeting after 21 years of public service. If you see him around town please give him a big thank you! Also, on the agenda is the liquor license for the new movie theater as well as outdoor seating at the Galley.

Wednesday: Recreation, Beach Commission, Commission on Disabilities

Thursday: Planning and Historical Commission

All agendas are on the town website [www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov)

After the May 20<sup>th</sup> election we will begin annual Board and Committee appointments.

Election is coming up on May 20<sup>th</sup> and a sample ballot is available online.

May 10 – last day to register to vote

May 15 – last day to request a mailed ballot

May 9 – 12 PM last day to vote absentee in person.

### **Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. Water update. We are at +3", last week we were +1". Tack Factory Pond is at +3" up from +1.75". Average daily demand was at 1.209 MGD fairly close to last's weeks 1.234 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .35" measured at the Plant.

The water department is planning on continuing spring flushing of the water mains this week.

Wheeler Park and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cliff areas.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started 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. This is a ban imposed by the state based on water usage in the aquifer region

that Scituate belongs to. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

2. I'd like to provide an update on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant.

We recently submitted what's called an Environmental Notification Form to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office

- The permit provides preliminary information on stormwater, site layouts, traffic impacts and climate resiliency.
- The MEPA office will use the information in the permit to determine the potential environmental impacts of the building and operation of the plant.

Anyone who is interested can read the permit online and provide comments, but I will summarize some key issues we have been working on and are included in the permit:

- Various aspects of the project design were incorporated to bolster resiliency and climate change adaptation.
- The project will not result in any changes to topography in the floodplain.
- The project will still involve Planning Board and Conservation Commission review which will be another opportunity for public review.

We are continuing to edit our design as we work on the project.

- We have our sights set on minimizing the impact to the abutters.
- Our goal is to minimize our development footprint.
- And I'm proud to say that we have reduced the building footprint by several thousand square feet than we had in the preliminary design.

We expect MEPA to review the permit for 30 days.

In the meantime, we will keep you aware of additional opportunities for public input.

3. The contractor for the lighthouse project, Campbell Construction, will begin mobilizing on the site next week. So, people should expect to see some preliminary work starting on the lighthouse. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.

4. In conjunction with the FY24 revaluation, the assessor's office is using the services of PK & Associates to inspect all condominiums in the Town of Scituate. The inspections are being conducted by Nancy Cole, a representative from the PK Valuation Group. Her motor vehicle registration details are on file with the Scituate Police Department. If Ms. Cole comes to your door at an inconvenient time for an interior inspection, she will make a note to schedule an appointment. Please contact the Assessor's office at (781) 545-8712 with any questions or concerns regarding this program. These are state mandated inspections that require the Town to inspect the interior of dwellings every ten (10) years.

We thank you and appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

5. The Annual Town Election will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the SHS Gym. Poll hours are 8AM-6PM.

May 10<sup>th</sup>-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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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. They should not be brought to the polls on election day.

Please remember to sign your early ballot envelope. In addition, the Town Clerk wants to remind voters that you need to fill in the oval for the person of your choice, not check marks or "x". Failure to complete the ballot properly slows down the counting process.

6. The Town of Scituate and the Veteran Services Department extends an invitation to participate in our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023

The Ceremonies will begin at 8am with the flotilla underway leaving from the Harbormaster's Office for the throwing of wreath to honor those "Lost at Sea" any questions please contact [Commander@scituatepost144.org](mailto:Commander@scituatepost144.org) Participants in the parade will form between 10:00 -10:30 AM at the Scituate Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The parade will step off at 10:30 AM sharp and proceed down First Parish Road to Lawson Common. The Lawson Common Ceremony will begin at @ 11:15am. In the event of inclement weather only the ceremony will be held at the G.A.R. Hall at 11am. The G.A.R. Hall has limited capacity. There will be handicap parking at the east end of the Common and also, a handicap porta-potty on site.

7. The Town's Contractor, National Water Main, has begun 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. The Scituate Senior Center will be hosting "A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention" on Tuesday, May 9 from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Senior Center. Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in the community safe. The program is being sponsored by the local chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

- Fencing is up on Central Field 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.

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

## SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 5.8.23

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### **@ This Week's Top 3:**

- Celebrating Staff
- Graduation Time!
- A First for Scituate

### **Celebrating Staff**

- This week represents National Educator/Teacher Appreciation Week. To me, this day is a celebration of ALL our non-administrative staff that have any connection to our children. I want to thank our teachers, paraprofessionals, librarians, nurses, counseling teams, cafeteria staff, custodians, bus drivers, and secretaries - your dedication and commitment does not go unnoticed and is why education is the gold standard profession and Scituate has the best in the business. Thank you ALL!  
Superintendent Bill Burkhead

### **Graduation Time!**

- It's an exciting time of year for our senior class and their families. We invite you to attend this year's graduation held at Scituate High School Friday, June 2nd, at 6pm. For more information on graduation and senior week activities please visit the high school at [scit.org/shs](http://scit.org/shs)

### **A First for Scituate**

- Last Saturday Scituate hosted a *first-of-its-kind* **US Military Showcase!** Representatives from the Service Academies, Military Prep Schools, ROTC programs, the Armed Services, Reserves and National Guard were available to south shore students and their families interested in learning more about the wide-ranging educational and career paths offered through these programs. We'd like to thank School Counseling Department Chair Tammy Rundle and Community members Lisa and Jack Gates for all their efforts in organizing this wonderful opportunity.