

Weekly Video Update, June 20, 2023

Maura Curran, Select Board Chair

Today is the last day of school so congratulations to staff and students for another great year!

Meetings:

Tuesday, June 20th:

Traffic Rules& Regulations

Coastal Advisory Commission

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

Water Resources Commission

Wednesday, June 21st

Recreation Commission

Affordable Housing Trust

Thursday, June 22nd

Planning Board

Please check the website for all agendas www.scituatema.gov

The Summer bandstand series continues on Thursday from 6 – 8 PM.

Reminder this Saturday is the annual MS ride so please keep an eye out for riders.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

As you know, there has been a bear in Scituate in the last few days. Please just leave the bear alone. There is no need to call the Police unless you feel threatened. He will move along.

1. Water update. We are at +2”, last week we were +1”. Tack Factory Pond is at +3” last week we were at +1.5”. Average daily demand was at 1.840 MGD up from last week’s 1.741 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.2” measured at the Plant.

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. The Iron/Manganese pilot project is undergoing final inspection this week. It is on schedule for being ready for the heavy summer water usage period. As we have

discussed previously, this is a project to remove the iron and manganese that has built up in the reservoir and comes out in the water as the temperatures rise and water levels fall. We believe that this was a main cause of our brown water issues last year and that this will go along way to helping minimize brown water while we build a new treatment plant. We would ask again that if people are experiencing brown water to please contact the water department. These are data points that we use to make improvements in the system. It also allows the department to see if the source of your issue is local to your home or neighborhood and take corrective action.

3. The contractor for the Route 3A water main work will begin installing erosion control along corridor starting tomorrow. This is the beginning of the project to install a new raw water line from the Old Oaken Bucket reservoir to the site of the new treatment plant at Steans Meadows. When the plant is completed, water from the pond will be pumped to the plant for treatment before entering the distribution system. The contractor will also be replacing the service main on 3A that serves the homes and neighborhoods adjacent to that portion of 3A.
4. Work on the actual light house tower has commenced. The concrete slab at the top of the tower has been removed, and work will now begin on the brick work. We will be taking down approximately 4-4.5' of brick work on the exterior of the tower. Once the brick work is removed, the contractor will pour a new "concrete dome" that the lantern room actually sits on, then rebuild the brick work. We are preparing a posting that we will place at the lighthouse that will detail the work being done. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.
5. Finally, we have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations of bottled water. They are running low on their supply and would appreciate any assistance that people can give. Please keep them in mind with other donations also. The need does not go away with the arrival of the nice weather.
6. The summer band series has started in Cole Parkway. Every Thursday evening and First Friday also starting at 6:00 pm.
7. Finally, school is now out for the summer. We ask that you be extra careful when driving around town as more children will be biking and walking around town for the summer season. So please keep an eye out for pedestrians and bikers this summer.
8. Meetings
 - a. Tuesday-Traffic Rules, Coastal Advisory, DEI and Water Resources
 - b. Wednesday-Recreation, Affordable Housing Trust
 - c. Thursday-Planning Board