

## **Weekly Video Update, June 26, 2023**

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

Congratulations to Fire Chief John Murphy who retired last Friday. We thank him for his 29 years of dedicated service to the Town of Scituate and wish him all the best!

It's a quiet week as we lead up to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Meetings this week:

Monday: Board of Health and Conservation

Tuesday: Select Board - We will be receiving the Town Administrator's new Fire appointments, reviewing water and sewer rates and voting on a new union contract.

The library is kicking off their summer reading program this week.

On Wednesday there is a half- off book sale on the lower level. All details can be found on the library website: <https://www.scituatema.gov/town-library>

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

1. Water update. We are at +.50", last week we were +2". Tack Factory Pond is at +2" last week we were at +3". Average daily demand was at 1.78 MGD down slightly from last week's 1.840 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .99" 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. <https://www.scituatema.gov/water-division>

2. The Iron/Manganese pilot project received final inspection last week. It was put on line last week. 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 has begun installing erosion control along corridor. This work will continue this week. Actual construction on the pipes will begin next week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. This is the beginning of the project to install a new raw water line from the OOB 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. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday is next week. Scituate Public Safety wants to remind people that fireworks are illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as is the consumption of alcohol by minors. Bonfires are not allowed in Scituate, including Humarock. If you are having guests over, please make sure that the streets remain passable for public safety vehicles.
5. The contractor for the Oceanside I&I project has begun work on the repair phase of the project. They have taken videos of the lines and will be starting the installation of liners in the pipes to stop the inflow of ground water and sea water into the pipes. Removing this water from the sewer pipes reduces the amount of flow going through our water treatment plant, reducing wear and tear on the plant and expanding capacity that could be used for effluent as opposed to water. They will be working on Dayton Rd, Second Ave, Wampatuck Ave, Norwell Ave, Turner Rd, Brockton Ave, Otis Rd and Williams Ave this week.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The summer band series has started in Cole Parkway. Every Thursday evening and First Friday also starting at 6:00 pm.
9. 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.