

## Weekly Video update, June 8, 2026

### Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Chair

Good Morning Scituate and thank you to all those who came out to the town election on Saturday.

#### Meetings this week:

Monday: Library Trustees at 6:30 PM and CPC at 6:30 PM

Tuesday: Select Board Meeting at 6:30 PM. We will be interviewing for Boards and committees and discussing the future of the Dog Park. All meeting agendas can be found:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2026-06>

This Thursday, the Harbor Bandstand Series continues so come on down to Cole Parkway from 6 – 8 pm.

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### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Beach Stickers are now required to park at all beaches. SPD will be patrolling our beaches.

Beaches will be staffed starting June 18th at Peggotty and Minot ONLY.

Starting the following day, June 19th, all beaches will be staffed: Minot, Peggotty, Humarock, and Egypt.

Lifeguard hours are 10 AM – 5 PM. Have a fun and safe summer!

2. DPW Updates

Water level updates for the week. Tack Factory Pond is +1” which is the same as last week. The Reservoir is at +.25” down from last week of +1”.

Rainfall was .20” measured at TP

Demand for past week was at 1.484 mgpd, down from 1.354 million gallons per day last week.

**Important to note:** Annual Water restrictions went into effect **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. These are automatically put in place every year and then may get stricter depending on reservoir level.

Between May 1 and September 30 *all* outdoor watering must occur *before* 9 AM and *after* 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week as designated by

the Water Department according to your precinct. See the Town web site for additional details.

### **Milling and Paving**

Today, (June 8<sup>th</sup>) Jericho Road will be marked with new pavement markings. This work will start at 9:00 AM and is expected to last 4 to 5 hours. Please expect delays and travel with caution. Thank you for your patience as we make improvements.

### **3. Planned School Drills**

Scituate Elementary Schools will be performing Multi-Hazard Evacuation Drills **at the Jenkins School on Monday, June 8th at 2:00 PM.**

This is only a practice drill and the school campus will be closed for 45-60 minutes. All school families will be notified about the specifics ahead of time.

### **4. Scituate Community Free Shredding Day**

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 12 PM at Scituate Town Hall

Shred all your old personal and confidential documents in the Iron Mountain Government compliant mobile shredding truck.

This event is FREE for residents, businesses pay a small fee.

They will be collecting cash and check donations for the Scituate Food Pantry. The event is being sponsored by George Jamieson of Caldwell Banker Realty.

### **5. Appliance Rebate Program**

The Town of Scituate continues to offer a program for Scituate residents to take further steps in water and energy conservation. Residents who replace an old, inefficient washing machine or dishwasher with an Energy Star Most Efficient Washer designation or replace a toilet with one that is WaterSense certified by the Environmental Protection Agency will be eligible to receive a rebate of up to \$250 from the Town for a washer/dishwasher or \$150 for a toilet. This program is only for the replacement of current appliances and does not apply to new construction or additions. Please check with the Water Department to make sure your appliance qualifies. Forms and details are available on the Water Department page, click [HERE](#).

### **6. Community Choice Electricity Program**

Direct Energy recently sent out a mailer to residents who are newly eligible to participate in the Scituate Community Choice Electricity Program. These include those who have recently moved into Scituate, have a new National Grid account, or are coming off a pre-existing third-party supply. The date to opt-out of the program is July 12, 2026. For additional information visit: <https://electricity.scituatema.gov/>

### **7. Lifeguard training**

The Recreation Department will be holding their annual Lifeguard training at KofC Pool/Peggotty Beach (Beach, est. time 2pm-4pm, Mock Drills starting at 3pm) to take

place on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Beaches will be staffed the following day on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a light opening through June 22<sup>nd</sup> when the high school staff becomes available.

Our Sailing EAP/First Aid review is scheduled for June 24, 11:30am-12:30pm outside of Harbormaster's office.

8. Shell fish beds in the North and South Rivers are now closed. This is an annual closure based on seasonal water quality changes. The beds will reopen for shell fishing in November.

#### 9. Friends of Scituate Library

**Summer Book Sale** sponsored by the Friends of the Town of Scituate Library.

Stock up on your summer reads-**50% off all Adult Fiction Paperback books**, including Sci Fi, Fantasy and Romance.

**Friday, June 5- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10-2 pm; Open on Mon, Weds, Fri and Sat.

Proceeds fund library programs such as museum passes and special events.

Follow us on Instagram: @friendsofscituateownlibrary

#### 10. Piping Plovers

Now that we are in the summer season, our plovers are back in Scituate nesting. Our monitoring shows significant disturbance in these protected areas. The most frequent disturbance across all sites were off-leash dogs. **51 dogs** were recorded off-leash in and around nesting areas since March 15<sup>th</sup>. These instances were reported to the Animal Control Officer.

Beach bikes including battery operated bikes are also becoming an increasing occurrence and tracks have been found on **5 occasions**. Beach bikes, especially those travelling at high speeds area a severe risk to piping plover and least tern chicks, eggs, and nests. Trespassing by people and dogs into closed areas has been recorded **3 times** on Third Cliff and have been reported to the MEP, Animal control and state wildlife officials. Please do not disregard signage and enter into closed areas.

#### 11. Scituate Food Pantry

June Top Ten Most needed Items:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Potatoes
- BBQ Sauce
- Tomato Sauce/Paste
- Jello/Jello Pudding
- Hamburger Helper/Knorr sides
- Instant Coffee Reg/Decaf
- Chocolate Cake Mix
- Microwave Popcorn

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Shaw's and now the **Scituate Pharmacy** also collect items for the Pantry. You can go to [scituatefoodpantry.com](http://scituatefoodpantry.com) for more information.

- 12.** Interested in potentially working for the Town? Explore the latest job openings in the Town of Scituate!

Visit <https://www.scituatema.gov/town-administrator/pages/job-opportunities> to see the roles we're currently hiring for.

- 13.** Meetings:

Monday: CPC, Assessors, Library

Tuesday: Select Board,

Wednesday: Beach Commission, Mordecai Lincoln, Commission on Disabilities

Thursday: Planning Board

- 14.** Make sure to check out the Scituate Community TV YouTube Channel for Town of Scituate updates on news, school events & sports, and community programs. Also, make sure you register for Town of Scituate emails by going to the web-site and clicking on "Subscribe to News". Follow the Town on Facebook.

#### **Available Bids, Quotes and Proposals**

Explore the Town of Scituate's available bids, quotes, and proposals opportunities by visiting the government section of the Town of Scituate website and accessing the "Available Bids, Quotes, and Proposals" page.

#### **Job Opportunities**

Visit the Town of Scituate website and click the employment icon on the homepage to discover the latest job openings.

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### **Maria Fenwick, School Committee Vice Chair**

Good Morning!

Last week we had a School Committee meeting that had a few items in particular that might be of note to the broader community:

- We voted to appoint Dr. Tom Raab to be our Superintendent after a year of successful work as Interim Superintendent and following a comprehensive Needs Assessment that left the Committee feeling confident that he is the right person for the job. Pending successful contract negotiations with him, that will become final in the coming weeks.

- We also voted on contracts for a few other central office positions—we welcomed Joanne Boucher as our new Director of Special Education and Irene Houle as our Director of Business and Finance.
- We also heard the outcomes of a several months-long audit of our athletic department that was conducted by independent consultant Jeff Granatino. The full written report, a summary, and the slides he used in his presentation to the Committee on 6/1 are available on the [scit.org](http://scit.org) website—they are linked in our meeting agenda for the June 1, 2026 meeting. The audit revealed several concerning findings and the School Committee has directed Dr. Raab to begin a corrective action plan, which he will have done (the plan, not all the steps) by fall 2026. Some of the items will be simpler to address than others—some have already begun to be addressed, for example some are a matter of ensuring that policies we already have in place are adhered to more consistently while others will take a bit longer. We have asked that this plan include regular public updates at School Committee meetings to provide public accountability for the corrections that are needed.
- Lastly, we bid farewell to School Committee member Peter Gates and thanked him for his 9 years of service to the Scituate School Committee. We look forward to welcoming new member Erika McMahon at our next meeting.

I would also like to share that the New School Naming Working Group met last Tuesday in a public session that drew about 20 attendees. It was made available both in person and via Zoom.

As a reminder, the School Committee has authorized the group to come up with 2 more names to add to the 3 that were yielded in the first phase of the search. The School Committee anticipates voting to choose the name in the fall of 2026. The group will be seeking the public's input via a form that is forthcoming. Anyone who is interested may submit a name along with 2 paragraphs of rationale for why you believe the name fits the criteria that group is using. When that form is available, it will be shared via the school and town's email distribution lists. There is a special area of the [scit.org](http://scit.org) website dedicated to this group for anyone who would like to follow along with that process over the coming months.

Lastly, we'd like to invite students, families, and staff to the METCO End of Year Celebration on Thursday from 3-5:30pm at the Basketball Courts behind Gates Middle School. There will be music, games, treats, and fun—a great way to kick off summer and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our METCO students.

This is my final update for this school year. Nicole will be here next week to close out the school year before we pause for summer. For those of us who are active on town committees and boards, getting news and information out to the community sometimes feels challenging, particularly absent a newspaper, which is one of the reasons that this platform is so important. Thank you to everyone who makes the time to listen, watch, or read these weekly updates to stay informed about our town each week.

That's all I have for today. Please email us at [schoolcommittee@scit.org](mailto:schoolcommittee@scit.org) with any inquiries or join our last meeting of the school year on Monday June 15th, at 6pm in the

Scituate High School library or on Zoom. As a reminder, public comment is typically our first agenda item and it does often begin promptly at 6pm.

Thank you and enjoy your week!