

Weekly Video Update, August 21, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

There is a Select Board Meeting tomorrow night, August 22nd at 6:30 PM. We will be having an update on the Water Treatment Plant project.

Meetings this week

Monday: Conservation, Economic Development, Community Preservation

Tuesday: Select Board, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Wednesday: Recreation Commission

Thursday: Planning Board and Sister City Cape Verde

DPW Touch a Truck is this Friday August 25th from 9 AM -11:20 AM at Town Hall.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. Reservoir is +1” last update was at +2”. Tack Factory Pond is at +3”.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.10” measured at the Plant.

Demand for the last week was at 1.370 mgd down from my previous update of 1.742 mgd.

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. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions – The Town’s consultants on the lighthouse project presented to the Board at their last meeting. To recap we have removed the first four feet of brick work in the hope of getting to a point where we found suitable material between the exterior and interior bricks to affix the concrete dome that will hold up the restored lantern room. The design team was able to come up with a solution that negates the need for removing additional brick work, but instead will consist of changes to the proposed concrete dome. Our design engineers and team presented that to change to the Board last week and the contractor has commenced work on the changes.

Lantern Room – The lantern room structural frame fabrication is complete, and the contractor will be erecting the frame in his shop for test fitting and verification before the frame is deconstructed and sent out for galvanization.

Schedule – The schedule has been impacted by the discovery of the unforeseen conditions of the internal/core masonry. We are attempting to move forward as efficiently as possible with the additional demolition and investigations and as soon as the team has a better handle on the solution the overall schedule will be updated.

3. Recreation updates this week, First, hard to believe but we are getting to that point where are lifeguards start departing for school and so we wind down our lifeguard presence on the beaches. The following is the last day that lifeguards will be staffed at the town beaches:

Egypt Beach- No lifeguards
Humarock- No lifeguards
Minot-August 25
Peggotty-Sept 4 (Labor Day)

Also, the Recreation Fall Brochure is posted on the recreation page of the town web site. Registration will open on August 31 at 9:00 am.

4. Touch A Truck: The annual DPW Touch a Truck day is back and will be held on Friday, August 25th from 9 AM – 11:30 AM. Bring the kids and enjoy popcorn and drinks and get a closer look at some of the DPW equipment. This is a free event.
5. The contractor doing the sewer department I&I work will be working on laterals this week as follows: Maple, Otis Rd, Eqtyt, Ridgefield ext, Seaview and Scituate.
6. National Grid will still be in Town doing tree work to clear primary lines. They will be in various locations around town so please be aware as you drive through town.
7. The contractor for the Route 3A water main work has completed installing erosion control along corridor. Actual construction on the pipes has begun. 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.
8. Crews will be on site at Stearns Meadow this week clearing small areas to allow machines in to continue to take soil samples as we finalize the design on the new Water Treatment Plant. Bartlett Tree may also be on site counting and identifying trees greater than 12” in diameter. Next week we will be conducting perc tests for both the septic system and stormwater. Our consultants will be before the Board tomorrow night to give an update on the design work.
9. MassDOT will be performing work in the area of 666 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) scheduled for August 21st and 22nd, weather dependent. They will be milling, paving, repairing potholes, and patching around drainage structures. Hours of work will

be between 9 PM - 5 AM and there will be temporary lane closures during that time. Police details will be on hand to direct traffic.

For questions, please contact the District 5 office at 857-368-5104

10. Dana Farber Mammography Van: the Scituate Board of Health is pleased to once again host the Dana Farber Mammography Van on Tuesday, September 12th from 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church across from Town Hall. If you are a woman age 40 or older and would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974.

11. The Town of Scituate together with Scituate FACTS, South Shore Peer Recovery and Scituate Clergy invite community members to the 8th Annual Overdose Awareness Vigil at Sunrise on August 31st. Each year, we gather at sunrise to mourn and to remember loved ones lost to overdoses, and to acknowledge first responders, treatment providers, community groups, and recovery advocates.

Please note the new location for 2023. Event on the sand at Peggotty Beach, due to construction at the lighthouse. Park in beach parking lot (off of Peggotty Beach Road). Access the beach via blue mobimat walkway (moderate incline).

We will have blankets arranged. You may also bring your own towel, blanket, or beach chair.

12. The BOH releases the weekly beach testing results every Friday. Based on last week’s tests, all Scituate beaches are open.

13. If you have been watching the weather lately you will have seen that tropical storm season is upon us. Don’t wait for a storm to get ready. Go to <https://www.scituatema.gov/> and click on the “Emergency Preparedness” icon on the home page and you will get all kinds of information on how to prepare for various emergency situations, including hurricanes. Don’t wait to get ready! I know no one wants to hear it, but both the Old Farmers Almanac and the Farmers Almanac have predicted snowier than normal winter for the Northeast this year.

14. We have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry’s numbers have been increasing each and every week. The Pantry is asking, if you are able, to please consider picking up one or more of the following “Most Needed Items” when you do your own grocery shopping.

The following is a list of the “Pantry’s Most Needed Items”:

Olives	Clam Chowder
Pickles	Canned Ham
Relish	Canned Beets
Microwave Popcorn	De-Caf Coffee

Bottled Orange/Cranberry Juice Cookies/Crackers

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Client Hours on Tuesday Mornings 10:00 -12:15 and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:15. Donations can also be left in the two white covered wooden containers outside the Pantry as well as at the Library, the Village Market and Shaw's.

15. Meetings

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Wednesday-Recreation

Thursday-Planning Board, Cape Verde Sister City

Friday-Touch a truck

Karen Connolly wishes everyone a great rest of the summer. She thanked Ron and Cindy from R & C Farms for their generous donation of produce to the Food pantry this week. We are so lucky to have farms locally in Scituate.

Have a great week!