

## Weekly Video Update, September 18, 2023

### Susan Harrison, Select Board Clerk

Meetings this week:

Monday: Scituate Bicycle Committee, a new committee is holding their first meeting at the Library at 7 PM

Tuesday: Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee, and Water Resources Commission Meeting – annual forum with the WRC and Town Reps via Zoom. They will be providing an update on the towns water infrastructure and answer any questions. Public Building Commission meets at 7 PM in the Select Board Meeting Room

Wednesday: Affordable Housing, Historical Commission

Thursday: Zoning Board of Appeals

On Thursday, the bandstand series continues 6-8 PM

On Saturday, the Tour de South Shore is at Wampanoag State Park – bike, run and walk  
Also, this weekend is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Scituate Community Christmas cornhole tournament.  
Spectator tickets are still available on the SCC website <https://scituatecommunitychristmas.org/>

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. Reservoir is +2” last update was at +.25”.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 3.77” measured at the Plant.

Demand for the last week was at 1.235 mgd down from last week of 1.395 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. The Water Department Office located at the rotary on Route 3A will be closed until further notice. A vehicle drove into the front of the building Friday night, doing significant damage to the office space. We were extremely fortunate that there was no one working or in the building at the time of the accident. Residents with questions or issues surrounding water department issues should call the DPW office at 781-545-8732.

The Town is in the process of establishing temporary office space for the employees and re-routing their phones. I do not have an ETA from the IT Department on that restoration.

3. The Water Resource Commission is hosting its annual Public Information Session via Zoom on September 19th @ 6:30 PM (tomorrow night). This event will give a brief overview of our water system, review some major challenges, present conservation options, answer frequent online questions and provide an open Q&A session for participants. We will have Town representation available to help answer questions. The Zoom link for this session is <https://www.scituatema.gov/home/news/water-resources-commission-public-information-session>

We encourage anyone interested in our water system to attend this meeting.

4. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions –The forms have been installed for the first concrete pour at the light house. That took place this morning. The first pour will be the walls of the concrete dome that will be inside the outside layer of brick. This will require at least seven (7) days to cure. The second pour will be the dome portion itself, with the final pour being the platform that the actual lantern room sits on. Again, there is a minimum of seven (7) days between pours.

Lantern Room – The lantern room structural frame fabrication is complete. The steel has been returned to the contractor after being galvanized and is in process of being put back together.

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.

5. Congratulations to Police Chief Mark Thompson who graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia last week, completing a rigorous 10-week course along with 198 other law enforcement professionals from 46 states, the District of Columbia, 21 countries, four military organizations and three (3) federal civilian agencies.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. FBI Academy Instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training. National Academy students are also able to earn undergraduate and graduate school credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits all the National Academy courses offered.

6. Eversource has informed the Town that they are putting off the gas line replacement on Ann Vinal Road. The Town has, therefore, informed the sidewalk contractor to remobilize and put the top coat on the sidewalk. The contractor has begun installing the

concrete pads for handicapped accessibility and will be top coating the sidewalk when that is complete. The Highway department is also planning to resurface parts of Front Street in the month of October as we close out the paving season. This work has been put off until the end of the summer season in the Harbor to lessen impacts on the businesses in the Harbor. Also, the gas company has finished the gas work on Jericho Road and will be returning to make repairs and pave that section of Jericho.

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. The Select Board has declared several vehicles and other town equipment as surplus for disposal. Interested parties can go to [www.auctionsinternational.com/auction/34434](http://www.auctionsinternational.com/auction/34434) to see what is available and bid on any of the items. There will be a link posted in the news section of the town web site.
9. The Water Department has announced that the water service on Border Street will be shutdown tomorrow, Tuesday September 19, from Gannet Road to the Cohasset line from 8am – 4 pm to replace a fire hydrant. Residents will be notified through flyers distributed to their homes and it is on the town web site.
10. The Town has added a link to the Town web site for information on the proposed Cushing and Hatherly MSBA project. Residents seeking information about the proposal for a new elementary school here in Scituate can go to [scituatema.gov](http://scituatema.gov) and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you the link for the school page with information about the project.
11. Hurricane Lee has passed and is now in our rearview mirror. Impacts were minimal, with only one street reporting power outages. If you were away from the coast wind and rain impacts were much lower than anticipated. Along the coast we did have strong wind gusts and splash over on either side of the high tides all along the coast. I was at the Harbor for the Friday night high tide and the water was less than 6” inches from coming over the curbing behind the Coast Guard station. If the tide had been a king or astronomically high, we would have had much worse flooding issues. Hopefully people prepared for this storm and worked out any kinks in their preparedness plans. Again, don't wait for a storm to get ready. Go to [scituatema.gov](http://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 Farmer's Almanac and the Farmers Almanac have predicted snowier then normal winter for the Northeast this year

12. 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":

Clam Chowder	All canned fish (except tuna)
Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	White Beans
Mac & Cheese	De-Caf Coffee
Rice Pilaf	Cold Healthy Cereal

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.

### 13. Meetings

Monday-Bicycle Committee  
Tuesday-Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee, Water Resources, Public Building  
Wednesday-Affordable Housing Trust, Historical Committee, Capital Planning  
Thursday-ZBA

## Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

### SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 9.18.23

Time Take (TT)

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### This Week's Top 2:

- School Committee (SC) Meeting 9.18.23
- Elementary Building Project

## SC Agenda Highlights

- Review of SC Operation Protocols
- Leadership Reports: Introduction of new Director of Human Resources and an overview of the many useful tools on our newly updated website
- Acceptance of gifts: Scituate Community Christmas and Scituate Education Foundation

### **Cushing/Hatherly MSBA New Building Project**

- Please stay current on all updates by visiting our website [scit.org](http://scit.org) and click on the “Community” tab on the top right and click on the “Cushing and Hatherly MSBA Project.” There is also a link to the site via the town home page.
- On the website you will find:
  - ❖ Project History
  - ❖ School Building Committee
  - ❖ Meeting and Forums
  - ❖ Process and Timeline
  - ❖ Community Input