

Weekly Video Update, September 25, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Monday: Conservation

Board of Health Meeting has been cancelled for tonight.

EDC meeting has been cancelled

Tuesday: Select Board meeting and we will be discussing the Mordecai Lincoln property

Wednesday: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Thursday : Planning Board

All agendas can be found on <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

Ms. Connolly asked about the new Ball field at Central Park and asked Mr. Boudreau whether it is done. Mr. Boudreau said they want a full growing season on it and it should be open for use in the Spring.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. Reservoir is +3” last update was at +2.5”.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.50” measured at the Plant.

Demand for the last week was at 1.245 mgd almost identical to last week of 1.235 mgd.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started May 1 and will end September 30. Until the end of the week 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.

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 can now call the water department as we have established temporary office space for the employees in the Town Hall and have re-routed their phones so that they can be answered in the temporary space.
3. 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. This is scheduled to take place this week, weather dependent. 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. I went to Campbell’s shop last week to inspect the lantern room with our architect. The galvanized frame has been put back together, the wooden framing is complete. This will now be sheathed in a weather proofing material and prepared for cladding in the copper.

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.

4. The Scituate Library and the Scituate Library Foundation will be having an opening celebration for Thoreau’s Way, the outdoor patio space built as a “quiet place of refectation, recreation and a celebration of the Natural World” this Saturday, September 30 at 10am. There will be a children’s storytime on Thoreau’s Way and kids crafts and refreshments in the community room. Please join the Library Staff and Library Foundation as we dedicate this beautiful outdoor pace.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 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.
8. The Scituate Police along with the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center, Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women’s Hospital will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor all those fighting cancer on Sunday, October 15 from 8:00 am- 2:30pm at the Public Safety Building, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A). Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Donor Center Long Sleeve Halloween T shirt. Details on making an appointment are posted on the Town web site.

9. 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 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.
10. 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.

11. Meetings

Monday-Conservation, Economic Development
Tuesday-Select Board,
Wednesday-DEI
Thursday-Planning Board