

## **Weekly Video Update, September 5, 2023**

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

Ms. Canfield wished everyone a great first day of school. Please be careful on the roads and best of luck to teachers, administrators, and parents.

The Library has family story time every Wednesday 10 AM and 2 PM for kids under 5.

Meetings this week:

Coastal Advisory

Waterways

On Saturday at 9 AM there is a beach clean- up at Museum beach.

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

1. Water update. Reservoir is +2.5” last update was at +2”.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .55” measured at the Plant.

Demand for the last week was at 1.365 mgd down slightly from last week of 1.340 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 Resource Commission is hosting its annual Public Information Session via Zoom on September 19th @ 6:30 PM. 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 available on the Town site. We encourage anyone interested in our water system to attend this meeting.
3. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions – 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 and the contractor has commenced work on the changes. You can see that

the forms are going up for the concrete dome. When the forms are completed, they will start pouring the actual dome.

Lantern Room – The lantern room structural frame fabrication is complete, and the contractor has sent the steel out for galvanizing, the steel has been returned to the contractor who is in process of putting the steel 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.

4. Please be advised that the beaches in Scituate will not be staffed by lifeguards for the remainder of this calendar year. Residents are still welcome to use the beaches but there will not be any lifeguards on duty. If you are at the beach over the next several days, please be aware that there is a moderate chance of rip currents caused by the remnants of tropical storm Idalia which is making its way into the North Atlantic.
5. Keeping with the beaches, the Scituate Beach Commission, Coastal Advisory Commission and Scituate Trashed will be holding a beach clean-up this Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 am-Noon at Museum Beach. Please join them to help keep Scituate Beaches clean.
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 Stearns 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. This week we will be conducting perc tests for both the septic system and stormwater. You can go to the Town web site for a copy of the presentation done at the last Select Board meeting.
9. Dana Farber Mammography Van: the Scituate Board of Health is pleased to once again host the Dana Farber Mammography Van on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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. 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 [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 than 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":

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.

13. Meetings  
    Tuesday-Coastal Advisory  
    Wednesday-Waterways

School starts today. Good luck to all the students and staff for a successful school year! Please be extra careful on your commute and be on the look-out for walkers and buses as we start the new school year.