

## Weekly Video Update, April 19, 2022

**Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 25, up from 20 of last week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 26. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 3.07% up from 2.76% of last week. Plymouth County is at 2.65%, up from last week's 2.21%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 3.89% up from the previous week of 2.93%. Statewide there are 37 individuals in ICU up from 36 of last week and 15 intubated, down from 22 last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even is the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable do to the high vaccination in Massachusetts. We continue to urge people to get vaccinated and boosted. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) for details.
2. We are now getting into spring and the water usage season is upon us so we will now resume our weekly water updates for residents. The reservoir was at +3.25" yesterday and tack factory pond was at +2.5". Average daily demand was at 1.110 mgpd mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). The treatment plant has been producing 90,143 gpd over the last 7 days. Manganese measured at the WTP is at .075 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.27" measured at the Plant.

Celco our water line contractor is back at work. They are finishing work on Woodworth and then moving to Lantern Lane. They are also doing a tapping sleeve and gate on Lantern Lane today.

The Scituate Water Division has completed necessary maintenance work on the Granular Activated Carbon Filter at the Old Oaken Bucket Water Treatment Plant. The plant is now back on line. The full water ban issued by the Scituate Water has been lifted.

3. With great pleasure The South Shore Irish Heritage Trail announces that See Plymouth, The Official Tourist Site of Plymouth County, was awarded a \$90,000. This grant will finance an advertising campaign to lure tourists from the Northeastern United States, Eastern Canada, and Ireland to the newly established South Shore Irish Heritage Trail. Also included in the grant will be printing, and signage. The Trail committee is most grateful to See Plymouth for their work and for their in-kind donation of administrative and graphic work exceeding \$30,000. The committee also acknowledges with great pride the support of the Town of Scituate from the very beginning stages of the Trail planning.

The launch ceremony for the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail will take place on May 22nd at one o'clock at the band stand in Cole Parkway

4. The Salvage company charged with bringing up the "Bing Bing" raised the vessel last week. It was in Scituate Harbor for a couple of days and has been on a 2-3-day voyage to Fall River.
5. Widows Walk golf course is OPEN for the season and the new pro-shop is ready for business. The Hibernian Restaurant on Front Street in the Harbor has been awarded the concession for the new facility at the club. Furniture for the new club house has arrived and is being assembled. We are looking forward to the start of concessions as soon as possible, within the next few weeks.

6. Annual transfer station stickers expired 3/31 and you will need a new sticker to access the transfer station. Tickets can be purchased on line or in person at the Treasurer's office here at the Town Hall. Stickers are \$90 for consumers and \$55 for people over 70.
7. We are waiting to finalize our final paving list. As part of the water projects, Brook Street and Old Oaken Bucket will be repaved this paving season and we are working on getting that scheduled. We will put out the complete schedule once available.

### **Karen Canfield, Select Board Vice Chair**

Ms. Canfield noted that this Sunday at 12:00 PM is the Easter Rising Monument Dedication in Cole Parkway in the Bandstand.

There are several meetings this week and all the agendas can be found on the town calendar which include:

#### **Tuesday**

- Coastal Advisory
- Conservation
- Library Trustees
- Beautification

#### **Wednesday**

- Widows Walk
- Affordable Housing Trust
- Shellfish Advisory

#### **Thursday**

- Zoning Board
- Historical Commission
- SHARC (Pier 44 reuse)

Ms. Canfield thanked all the residents and the Town Administrator Jim Boudreau, the Moderator, Finance Director, Town Clerk, Dept Heads and the tech sound coordinator for Annual Town Meeting.