

Weekly Video Update, January 17, 2023

Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Vice Chair and Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

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1. Water update. We are at +5", last week we were at +6". Tack Factory Pond is also at +5 down from +6". Average daily demand was at 1.040 MGD down from last week's 1.090 MGD. With the reservoir being full at this time, water restrictions are rescinded and we are returning to normal usage rules

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .1.68" measured at the Plant.

2. The Town of Scituate is launching Scituate Community Choice Electricity in March 2023, an electricity supply bulk-purchasing program that leverages the buying power of Scituate's residents and businesses to provide competitively priced electricity options, longer term price stability, and 10% more renewable electricity than required by the Commonwealth.

Resident letters are being mailed **TODAY**, January 17th and residents will be automatically enrolled, however participation is voluntary and you may opt out or choose to switch to a different option with more or less renewable energy content. To opt out, you must act by **February 21, 2023**.

Your service does not change with National Grid (or Eversource).

The Town will provide extensive information on our website as well as through our broker, Good Energy. Website is electricity.scituatema.gov or call 833-828-3222

We also plan to offer an information session - dates will be announced soon.

3. The DPW has re-established the salt-sand pile for residents in the small parking lot across from the Egypt Beach General Store. Residents can fill buckets to bring home for their use. This is not for contractors.
4. We reviewed the consultant's report on the lighthouse. The team is moving ahead with replacing the current 1930's lantern room with a new lantern room of the same design. After review, the top four feet of brick work will also be removed and replaced. The consultant will now prepare bid documents in preparation for getting the project out to bid by the end of this month and the repairs underway. Discussion will now take place on the cost of saving the old lantern room and options for re-use/placement.
5. The Scituate Food Pantry is helping more residents than ever before. They need donations of food products that they cannot get from the Greater Boston Food Bank. They are seeking the following: Beef stew, canned hams, Spam, hash, canned fish of all types, cookies, hot and cold healthy cereals, condiments and salsa. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry Tuesdays 9am-1pm, Wednesdays 2:30pm-5pm and

Thursdays 2:30pm-5:15 pm. Additional drop off locations are the Scituate Public Library, Village Market and Shaw's on 3A. Also, all Scituate Houses of worship accept donations for the food pantry.

6. The Scituate Sister City Film festival continues this week, tomorrow, January 24 at the Senior Center at 6:00. Suggested donation is \$10. The event is free for students. Refreshments will be served.
7. Widows Walk is now open to walkers. While you enjoy walking the course, we ask that you stay off the greens and keep your pets off the greens also. Greens are expensive and easily damaged so please help us and keep off the greens. We also ask that you pick up after your dogs and do not leave the waste on the course. Barrels will be available for disposal. The Drift In remains open, so after your walk or sledding, stop in for lunch or dinner.
8. If you are down in Cole Parkway you will see a Conex trailer parked in the spaces for the harbormaster. This is the beginning of the new dock project that will be on-going this winter. The contractor will be removing the electrical boxes from the docks in preparation for removing the old docks. Starting in mid-January a portion of the parkway will be fenced off, similarly to what was done when we did the piling project. A plan showing the areas of work will be posted prior to the work commencing. All work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the boating season.
9. Just a heads up that Beach Stickers will go on sale on 2/13 at 8:30 am. Non-resident and Humarock only stickers will be for sale on-line only! The sale goes live at 8:30 am. You will not get an email that the stickers are on sale. If you are looking for a non-resident sticker remember that they sold out in 7 minutes last year so be ready!
 - a. Non-Resident sticker is \$300
 - b. Non-Resident Humarock only is \$100
 - c. Resident stickers are \$35

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We have several meetings this week and all agendas can be found on the town website <https://www.scituatema.gov/>

Tuesday

Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee at the Library at 6 PM

Water Resources Commission meeting was canceled.

The DEI Committee meets at 6:30 PM

Public Building Committee at 7 PM.

Wednesday

Affordable Housing Trust at 6:30 PM

Thursday

ZBA and Historical commission

Beautification Committee is always looking for volunteers so please go to the website to get involved.

The Scituate Friends of Music is holding a fundraiser Sunday, January 29th at 4:30 PM at ORO Restaurant. Mr. Mundt will be the MC for the event.

Have a great week!