

Weekly Video Update, January 9, 2023

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Upcoming Meetings this week include the following:

Monday, January 9, 2023

Conservation meets at 6 PM

Board of Health, 6 PM

Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 PM

CPC, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Select Board meets at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Beach Commission, 6 pm

Proposed 40B old Oaken Bucket, hybrid meeting, 7 PM

Commission on Disabilities, 7 PM

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

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Water update. We are at +6", last week we were at +3 1/2". Tack Factory Pond is also at +6 up from +4". Average daily demand was at 1.090 MGD up from last week's 1.175 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 With the reservoir being full at this time, water restrictions are rescinded and we are returning to normal usage rules.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 .1.71" measured at the Plant.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. This Thursday the response to the bid package released by the town looking for appraisers/auctioneers for valuing the contents of the Mordecai Lincoln house are due. The Town has taken possession of the property and there were many items left behind. These need to be disposed of in some fashion as we look to move to the next phase of planning for the use of that property.
6. The Scituate Sister City Film festival continues this week, tomorrow, January 10 at the Senior Center at 6:30. Suggested donation is \$10 and 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. 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

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Big Things Happening in 2023

As discussed last week, our focus for the remainder of this year is on the following “**Big 3**” Items:

- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

- The Hatherly New School Building Project
- Strategic Plan

Why it Matters:

- **The FY 24' Budget:**
What we spend our money on reflects what we value in education. The FY 24' Budget Process is underway and we are committed to transparency and responsibility. Our administrative team will be meeting with the school committee finance subcommittee.
- **The Hatherly New School Building Project:**
We have chosen an Architect! The feasibility and Architectural Design phase of the new building project is well underway. Next, we will be discussing Educational Programming and what the best education in the world looks like.
- **The SPS Strategic Plan:**
A District's Strategic Plan reflects the vision and future of our schools. Our leadership team will be meeting with our consultant (Teaching & Learning Alliance) on January 18th to outline our strategy to begin work in February with a final product in May.

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The Hatherly New School Building Project: Feasibility & Design Phase

Good news, SPS secured a contract on budget with our new architects Dore & Whittier. SPS leadership held a "kickoff" meeting with our Operations Project Manager (OPM), Dore & Whittier and the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) last week. During that meeting, it was mentioned by the MSBA that **our new school project will be a K-5 building.**

In a follow up meeting between SPS leadership, OPM, Architect and MSBA to discuss school configuration, Diane Sullivan of the MSBA informed us that she spoke to former SPS Superintendent Ron Griffin personally at the conclusion of the Statement of Interest (SOI) process. **It was determined during that discussion, based on the district's master plan and feasibility study, that our new school would be K-5.**

Good News:

During that same meeting we inquired about the possibility of hosting our entire ECC (Early Childhood Center) population as part of the new school, making it Pre-K-5. The MSBA said yes, and that it would be reimbursable. This could potentially allow SPS to do away with waiting lists and ensure ALL SPS families have access to Pre-K!

What It Means:

- Our focus will next be exclusively on the educational programming & vision of a Pre-K-5 school **involving our school community**

Next Steps:

- School Building Committee Meeting to refine our timeline and begin action steps
- Communication to our community via our new website, app correspondence, SC meetings, weekly cable show, etc.

School Committee tonight at 6pm**Sailor Shout Out:**

- Our commitment to maintaining (and improving) our school facilities continues. Over vacation week new beautiful blue shades were hung at central office to replace the old tethered yellow stained and ripped ones our administrative assistant team had to deal with for years.
- Phase one of our renovation of the SHS Colby Cutler Fitness room began with a new hung ceiling. Over February vacation we plan to replace the aging floor and paint the dull walls school colors. The transformation will rival any Planet Fitness for our kids!