

## **Weekly Video Update, June 27, 2022**

**Karen Canfield, Select Board Member and Jim Boudreau Town Administrator**

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1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 19, down from last week's 28. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 54 down from 55 last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 7.70% down from 7.73% of last week. Plymouth County is at 5.13%, down from last week's 5.95%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 5.78% down from the previous week of 5.62%. Statewide there are 38 individuals in ICU up from 34 of last week. 9 patients are intubated, down from 14 of last week. So mixed numbers across the board this week. According to the Boston Globe this morning two new variants of the Omicron strain, BA.4 and BA.5 are more adept at avoiding the antibodies in our bodies from the vaccines or that we get after having the virus. These two variants make up 35% of the cases in the US. Experts still expect numbers to decline, but not as quickly as hoped. This is borne out by the numbers we are seeing this week.

At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet gotten vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so.

Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir was -2" yesterday, down from even last week. Tack Factory Pond was even this week down from last week's measurement +1.00" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.481 mgpd, essentially the same as last week's usage. Manganese measured at the WTP is high enough to cause discolored. As the temperatures rise, so will the Manganese levels in the water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .0" measured at the Plant.

The Trac Vac System in the bottom of sedimentation basin 2 stopped working. The Treatment Plant is currently running through one basin only (1/2 capacity) with a max of 1.5 MGD. This is restricting the amount of water we can produce. The Water Department is considering implementing a full ban on outdoor watering until the Trac Vac can be fixed. We will make that determination today/tomorrow and announce any changes at the Select Board meeting tomorrow night.

3. Residents can go to the town web site or go to [www.ScituateSurvey.com](https://www.ScituateSurvey.com) to take a brief survey about the proposed new treatment plant. The survey will ask for your email address which we will use to send news and updates as we move forward in the process.
4. Congratulations to our newest full- time officers!  
Friday, Officer Michael Oar, Officer Alyssa Rehm and Officer Marisa Stewart graduated as members of the 15th ROC Randolph Regional Police Academy after 23 weeks of rigorous police training. All three excelled in their class and earned notable class awards. Officer Oar was awarded the Firearms Achievement Award for marksmanship as well as the EVOC Award for skilled driving. Officer Stewart earned the Physical Training Award for elite physical fitness

throughout the Academy and Officer Alyssa Rehm was awarded the Academic Achievement Award for earning the highest GPA in the class.

We are extremely proud of all the officers' achievements and are honored to have them as members of the Scituate Police Department. We look forward to working with them as they transition into their full-time roles and are confident they will serve both the Community and Department well.

The officers will now begin field training and will hit the streets in the weeks ahead.

5. Fourth of July weekend is coming up soon. A reminder that fireworks are illegal as is public consumption of alcohol and bonfires. If you are having people over, please make sure that public safety vehicles can get by and access the neighborhood. Be smart and stay safe.
6. Cohasset has started utility work will on Route 3A between Stop and Shop and Pond Street and continuing until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Between the hours of 8am and 3pm southbound traffic will be detoured off of Route 3A to Upper King Street. Northbound traffic will be shifted into the southbound lanes but will not be detoured off of Route 3A. If you take Route 3A in the morning, be prepared for delays.
7. The Sanctuary at Herring Brook will be holding a lottery for the affordable housing units on August 8, 2022. A public information session will be held via Zoom on June 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be received at SEB Housing by 2:00 pm on July 25, 2022. This information will be posted on the town web site or you can go to [sebhousing.com](http://sebhousing.com) and click "Affordable Housing Opportunities" at the top of the page for more details.
8. Finally, today is the last day of school. Please be mindful when you are driving that children are out of school and riding their bikes, walking to a friend's house and playing outside in their neighborhoods. Take extra care when driving and keep an eye out for children.

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

Ms. Canfield provided an update of upcoming meetings this week.

Tonight, June 27<sup>th</sup>, EDC meets at 6:30 pm via zoom.

Tomorrow night, June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Select Board meets at 6:30 pm and will be discussing water and sewer rates, acceptance of Hazard mitigation plan, Town Administrator contract, and numerous event permits. We will also be closing the warrant for Special Town Meeting on September 19, 2022.

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Shellfish Advisory Committee meets at 7 PM.

With the holiday week, please be safe and keep an eye out on everybody. Please keep the streets clear for emergency vehicles and enjoy the holiday.