

Covid Narrative June 21, 2021

The Scituate Select Board meets at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday, June 22), in person at Town Hall. The agenda includes discussion of water and sewer rates. Residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be shown live on Scituate Community TV. The town is working on allowing remote participation of in-person meetings but isn't there yet.

Select Board Chair Karen Connolly reported that discussion during the recent meeting on the state's closure of the North and South rivers shellfish beds was spirited. The town is working with state legislators and the town of Marshfield to get the beds reopened, if at all possible, she said.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said the water main replacement is taking place on Utility Road, Old Oaken Bucket and Maple Street.

Boudreau urged residents to conserve water. The town recently saw water use at 1,619,000 gallons per day which is slightly higher than last year at this time. When usage soars, manganese levels rise causing discoloration. The treatment plant cannot adequately handle manganese treatment when running at full speed.

Boudreau said the state has lifted Covid restrictions. However, masks are still required on public transportation and private ride services, in healthcare and congregate living settings. Businesses and venues can still require masks if they choose.

Anyone age 12 and over can get a covid vaccination. Scituate only had one positive case in the past two weeks and that person contracted the virus in Maine.

The Peggotty Beach parking lot has temporary striping. The town will try to finish paving the lot this summer if there is a cool stretch, otherwise it will be completed in the fall.

The marina project at Cole Parkway is completed apart from a few punch list items. Boudreau urged residents to check out the new harbor overlook.

A contractor with the MBTA will be reconstructing the Greenbush rail crossing on Captain Pierce Road this weekend. Please avoid the area, which will be detoured.

Work on the Country Way sidewalk is underway. Next up is Stockbridge Road. The sidewalk plan is available at Town Hall.

The Scituate Food Pantry will open for business on Tuesday, June 29, in the cafeteria at the old Gates School. The food pantry's last day at the Masonic Temple is Thursday, June 24.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the new Senior Center. The café at the center is expected to open after July 1.

Superintendent of Schools Bill Burkhead said there were zero cases of Covid last week in the schools. The total of covid cases for the school year is 228. He said masks at summer school will not be required indoors but encouraged. Those who have not been vaccinated are advised to continue to wear masks.

He congratulated those retiring from the Scituate Public Schools. They have a total of 300 years of service among them.