

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 30, 2019

Announcements:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was detected in mosquitos collected from Truro. Please see [this press release](#) from Health & Conservation Agent Emily Beebe and her report (below) for more information. Truro's risk level has been elevated to "moderate."

Practice Shark Safety:

- Don't swim where seals are present.
- Don't swim too far from shore.
- Swim in groups.
- Avoid wearing shiny jewelry or other accessories (which look like fish scales to a shark).
- Avoid surfing alone.
- Avoid areas with signs of baitfish or fish feeding activity – watch for diving seabirds.
- Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:

- The Truro Fire Department received notification that an Assistance to Firefighters grant will be awarded to the department to replace old thermal imaging cameras. This is the second successful grant prepared by Chief Collins. Previously, the department received a grant for all new breathing apparatus for the firefighters.
- Congratulations to the Library on their 20th Anniversary Celebration of the building. They had a lovely celebration on Thursday to commemorate the day.
- Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 6 pm for a "Community Conversation about Storm Preparedness." This event will feature information about how the Town of Truro prepares and responds to storm events and how citizens can prepare themselves. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and offer suggestions.

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 3, 2019-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- September 4, 2019-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- September 6, 2019-Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00 pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 24 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 18 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 35 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Department has been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG Grant) in the amount of \$28,515.00. This grant will be used to replace thermal imaging equipment in the Department and also includes training costs for the new equipment.

Health and Conservation

- We have an EEE positive mosquito sample identified with a site in North Truro. We have issued a press release to the public through our website and our email distribution lists. The press release has also been provided to our campgrounds for posting and distribution as their guests are probably our most vulnerable population. To date our risk level has been upgraded to "moderate" while the surrounding towns remain at "low" risk. Additional sample results will be available to us early next week. Our Animal Control officer has reached out to our horse owners to advise them to schedule EEE vaccine booster shots for their horses/ponies/mules (yes, we have all three!). [Click here to view the Commonwealth's Fact Sheet on EEE.](#) [The Commonwealth's Risk Map is available here.](#)
- The Health Department has been made aware of the presence of rats in a neighborhood in North Truro.

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The neighborhood association reached out to us for information, which is available on our website at: https://www.truroma.gov/sites/truroma/files/uploads/rat_brochure.pdf

- The Conservation Commission approved revisions to the Truro Conservation Commission regulations at their meeting of July 1. They are on file with the Town Clerk and officially adopted. The Commission met on August 5 and reviewed the first applications where the amended regulations apply. The professional offices we frequently deal with have been advised of the changes and the amended regulations are available on the Conservation Department and the Conservation Commission web page.
- On August 6 the Board of Health held their regular meeting which included a public hearing on minor amendments to the Board of Health transfer station regulations. These amendments reflect several small changes that will: provide convenience to users regarding permitting for recycling and use of the swap shop; allow the designation of a user in addition to the owner with the same form utilized by the beach department; and include new fees for the recent addition of the backyard composting bins and the countertop containers for kitchen compost that are now available for purchase at the transfer station.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- The mooring field has been filled going into next year, and people have paid up for the remainder of this year to confirm their commitment.
- Assistance was given to a few boaters who broke down. Harbormaster Jackett towed the boats to the ramp and helped the owners load the boats onto their trailers.
- After heavy rains, Harbormaster Jacket pumped out dinghies and boats in need.
- Harbormaster Jacket replaced missing and damaged bumpers along the docks.

Council on Aging

- New Office Assistant will begin Monday, September 9, 2019
- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making / Rubber Stamping
 - Presentation on Consumer Fraud
 - Presentation on Our Adventures in Retirement on Cape Cod
 - Presentation on Identify Theft for Seniors
- Ongoing Activities
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community lunch
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- Preparation for the Fall soccer season.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- Iyengar Yoga with Karin – click [HERE](#) for schedule
- Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center

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Fridays and Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center

Beach

- Center for Coastal Studies set up an informational tent at Head of the Meadow on Wednesdays.

General Beach Updates

- Corn Hill Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time south of beach access due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Fisher Beach
 - ORV: Corridor Closed
 - No dogs allowed at any time north of beach access due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Head of the Meadow Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Coast Guard Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.

Swimming Closures – 2019

Date	Beach	Closure Time
7/13/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
7/13/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
7/13/2019	Head of the Meadow	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
7/14/2019	Longnook Beach	12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
7/16/2019	Ballston Beach	10:55 am - 11:55 am
7/16/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:45 am - 12:45pm
7/24/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
7/25/2019	Head of the Meadow	10:30 am - 11:30 am
7/25/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:35 am - 12:35 pm
7/25/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
7/25/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	11:35 am - 12:35 pm
8/1/2019	Longnook Beach	12:50 pm - 1:50 pm
8/3/2019	Ballston Beach	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
8/3/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
8/3/2019	Longnook Beach	1:15 pm - 2:15 pm
8/5/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:35 pm - 2:35 pm
8/5/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:40 pm - 2:40 pm
8/7/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
8/7/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
8/7/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:50 pm - 3:50 pm
8/12/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
8/12/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
8/12/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
8/13/2019	Ballston Beach	7:30 am - 8:30 am
8/16/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
8/16/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
8/18/2019	Ballston Beach	11:50 am - 12:50 pm
8/18/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
8/19/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:09 pm - 3:09 pm
8/19/2019	Head of the Meadow	3:20 pm - 4:20 pm

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8/21/2019	Head of the Meadow	10:40 am - 11:40 am
8/22/2019	Head of the Meadow	10:30 am – 11:30 am
8/22/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm