

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

February 1, 2019

### **Announcements:**

- Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.

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

- The Office has started a comprehensive review of the known requests for the FY2020 budget to be presented to the Board of Selectmen on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our fifth Budget Task Force meeting was held on Monday and the Accounting Department, Assessing Department, IT Department and Administration budgets were presented. On Monday February 4, the Clerk/ Treasurer/Collector budget and other outstanding and unresolved items will be presented. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the public and are available on Truro TV.
- The warrant for Annual Town Meeting opened on January 30, 2019. The deadline for money articles is February 8, 2019 and the warrant will close on March 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm.
- Town Account Brazil and I met with representatives from the Town's insurance provider to review the insurance policy.
- I met with Eastham Town Administrator Jacqui Beebe to discuss shared concerns and regional issues/ projects.

### ***Upcoming Meetings:***

- February 4, 2019-Budget Task Force Meeting with Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 8:00am.
- February 4, 2019-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm
- February 5, 2019-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm
- February 6, 2019-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm
- February 8, 2019-Open Space Committee Site Visit (Stotts Crossing area adjacent to East Harbor Culvert) at 12:00pm.
- February 8, 2019-Open Space Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 12:30pm.

### ***Department News:***

#### Police Department

- The Truro Police Department would like to share some safety tips for driving during the winter months.
  - Snow and ice conditions make up approximately one quarter of vehicle crashes. This is due to factors such as poor visibility and difficulty in slowing or stopping.
  - It is important to stock your vehicle with an ice scraper and a shovel in case of an emergency. If your vehicle has snow or ice on it, be sure to remove it from windows, mirrors, lights and reflectors before driving.
  - Snow banks can hinder visibility at intersections and winding roads.
  - Speed limits are established for roadways that are dry. Weather conditions may create the need for reduced speed.
  - Windshield wipers are much more effective when they are not worn. Additionally, windshield washer fluid can help minimize ice and glare.
  - Avoid unnecessary distractions while you are driving, such as cell phones. This is especially important when weather conditions are poor.
  - If you are traveling to an area that is remote or has limited phone coverage, let someone know. If you get stuck along the way, this information will be very important for first responders.

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### Department of Public Works

- DPW crews will continue seasonal roadway brush cutting through the winter months to accommodate emergency vehicles. Woodchips from roadside clearing are available at the Transfer Station for any permitted resident for personal use only. All roadsides will be evaluated throughout the entire winter season targeting trees that are a hazard to town infrastructure and power lines.
- Due to the government shut down, the East Harbor seaward end construction project has been delayed.
- New split rail and snow fencing has been installed at Head of the Meadow beach and Beach Point Landing to assist with beach erosion.
- As part of DEP post closure requirements, the final as-built document has been submitted to DEP to reflect the location of the landfill cap liner. In addition, a new Waste Ban Compliance Plan has also been submitted along with a third-party inspection report of the Transfer Station and Landfill area.

### Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett met with the Shellfish Committee to review a Shellfish Aquaculture Application.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett worked on a letter to the Division of Marine Fisheries explaining the success of the shellfish relay program.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
  - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended demonstrations from recreational software companies.
  - Pamet After-School participants will be taking part in the Sustainable CAPE's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Art Exhibit at the Truro Public Library (see attached).
  - February Vacation Youth Program, 2/19 – 2/22. Registration Deadline 2/5/2019.
  - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
  - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays evenings at the Truro Community Center.
  - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.
  - 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
  - Open Gym for basketball at Truro Central School.
  - Youth basketball games.
- Beach
  - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots.
  - To report a shark sighting please call the Truro Police Department at (508) 487-8730.
  - To purchase ORV stickers, visit the Licensing Desk at Town Hall, located at 24 Town Hall Road.
  - For inquiries about the beaches please call (508) 487-1632.
  - Beach fire permits for September 5, 2018 or later are issued at the Truro Fire Department.
- Warning – Recent shark sightings, 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.

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### Health/Conservation

- The core team for the Town of Truro has set a meeting date for the Town's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (**MVP**) planning process, a Truro-Wellfleet community resilience building facilitated process. Please watch or attend the February 12 Select Board meeting for a discussion of the **MVP** process and request for Stakeholder participation. Stakeholders should include a representative from the Select Board and each regulatory Board, as well as interested community members.
- Recent storm events resulted in significant damage to a number of bulkheads on beach point. Other locations realized significant erosion of the bayside face of the Coastal Dune. In some cases, they had no margin of acceptable loss and foundations have been compromised. A couple of these locations have previously planned and permitted repair work/replacement projects that can immediately begin to address the damage. Others have been issued emergency certifications to let property owners promptly address conditions that may endanger health and safety or cause further damage to structures. These properties will need to develop long-range plans to replace failing structures and present them to the Conservation Commission for permitting. Typical Conservation Commission permits (called orders of conditions) are valid for 3 years.

### Library

- During the month of February, the children's garden group will display their art in the Anne H. Brock Community Room. Meet the artists at a reception on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Susan Salem-Schatz and Martin Grosswendt will play the Winter Music Series. They play folk, traditional American Country & Blues. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. local songstress Chev Hardy and her band will perform Jazz songs and American standards.
- Tuesday evenings are Game Night at the Library. Play cribbage on February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Play "Trivia with Tricia" on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. The games begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Tai Chi lessons with Sarah Beals are offered Fridays at 1:45 p.m. until February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Council on Aging

- **FEBRUARY FEATURED ARTIST Irene McGrath**-Artist Irene McGrath has been making her mark from the age that she realized she could. She grew up in Ireland and came of age during the recession in the 80's when a career in the arts was not considered a viable option. After happily raising her son she is now enjoying a return to her artistic roots, which she never strayed far from, describing a world filtered through her experiences and her ability to find the beauty in both the obvious and obscure. The show will include both local landscapes and scenes from trips to India, the Middle East and Europe, all a variety of local color, depending on where you happen to hail from. Please feel free to view Irene's art Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- **The Truro Community Lunch is Tuesday, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**-Menu is Chicken Pot Pie with Biscuit Topping, Arugula Salad with Roasted Beets and Goat Cheese. Soup of the day: Chicken and Rice. Lunch is served at 12:30 pm at the Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way, N. Truro. Reservations for seated AND "to go" meals are required and must be made on Monday by 12:00 noon. Call 508-487-2462. **The NEW ALTERNATIVE FOR LUNCH is: The Soup of the Week and Salad.**

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## Attachments

### Sustainable CAPE's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Art Exhibit

