

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 25, 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:

- As we get deeper into the budget season, the Office is especially focused on the FY2020 budget. Our fourth Budget Task Force meeting was held on Tuesday and the School and Library budgets were presented. On Monday January 28, the Accounting Department, Assessing Department, IT Department and Administration budgets 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 opens 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.
- Boards, Committees, Commissions and staff are submitting their 2018 Annual Town Reports. We are requesting photos from the community of Truro's beaches for inclusion in the Report. Please submit photos to [esturdy@truro-ma.gov](mailto:esturdy@truro-ma.gov) by January 31, 2019.
- Community Housing Resources, Inc. was awarded development of the Cloverleaf Community Housing Project at Tuesday's Board of Selectmen's meeting. This is exciting progress in the Cloverleaf development process!

### Upcoming Meetings:

- January 28, 2019-Budget Task Force Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 8:00am.
- January 28, 2019-Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm.
- January 28, 2019-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- January 29, 2019-Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 10:30pm.
- February 1, 2019-Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15pm.

### Department News:

#### Fire Department

- Fire Department responded to 9 calls resulting in 7 transports to the hospital. In all the Department responded to 15 calls for service.
- The Truro Fire Department responded mutual aid to the Town of Wellfleet for a structure fire. Cause of the fire is undetermined, and one Wellfleet firefighter was transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- Firefighter Chute graduates from the Massachusetts Fire Academy next week, completing his ten-week career recruit training program.
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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.
- The concrete foundation for the new Swap Shop has been poured and the foundation for the Head of the Meadow boat storage shed will be poured next week.
- As part of mold remediation, the basement ceiling for the Snows Field House will be insulated and painted with mold resistant paint.
- The Library community room repair and painting project has been completed, including the painting of the ducts.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to meet with Town Administration to review the Pamet River

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Data on January 31, 2019. A final report is expected to be delivered to the Town in March 2019.

### Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- The County Dredge is in Provincetown awaiting the dredge pipe that is expected to be towed Saturday, as the winds are favorable. The dredge should arrive in Truro sometime next week.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett put in his annual shellfish seed order to Barnstable County Extension.
- Harbormaster Jackett met with the Harbor Commission to update them on the dredge schedule and the permitting process.
- A surprising number of people participated in shell fishing on Sunday, despite the rain and wind.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
  - February Vacation Youth Program, 2/19 – 2/22. Registration Deadline 2/5/19.
  - 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.

### Health/Conservation

- We have completed a review of the communications and processes followed in 2018 for the Shorebird monitoring program. The program was managed by our department for the first time in 2018. A complete report of the 2018 season can be found on the Conservation department webpage.
- Health and Conservation staff is leading our **MVP** partnership with the Wellfleet Health and Conservation Department. Last fall the Town was awarded an **MVP** grant with the Town of Wellfleet. The grant provides \$15,000.00 to complete a prescribed "community resiliency planning process". The Cape Cod Commission will facilitate the process which ultimately will help us identify priority actions to build resiliency as the climate changes. The process includes developing a core team to plan the event, which will consist of 8 hours of focused conversation with a group of community stakeholders. Stakeholders will include representatives from regulatory Boards, interested community members and any NGO's in the Truro-Wellfleet community. The "focus-event" will be held in late March in Wellfleet. The details about the date and time are being determined this week.
- Our office continues to issue renewed licenses and permits as they come in; day-to-day staff tasks include providing information to the public about permitting and projects.

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- Our AmeriCorps Service member Adrienne Tardif continues to work on our 3 projects that we share with Wellfleet Health and Conservation: compiling a spreadsheet inventory of wastewater in the Chequessett Lens watershed; compiling a spreadsheet of all septic systems located within 200' of wetland resource areas and Vernal Pool Certification. We have a final list of Vernal Pools to be explored for certification in 2019, totaling 4 locations. Adrienne works with us in Truro on Thursdays.

### Council on Aging

- **NEW CLASS!! Fundamentals of Design and Composition** beginning Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Council on Aging Activities Room with Kathryn Smith, Instructor. Cost is \$10.00 per class. Open to beginning and intermediate drawing students, the basic fundamentals of design and composition will be introduced and explored in this **3 hour class for a total of 6 class sessions**. Students will explore basics of the figure/ground relationship utilizing both drawing and collage and learn the fundamental elements of a good composition, how to organize and design the structure of a picture. For more information and to register for this class please call #508-487-2462.
- **WE CAN Legal Consultations**-The legal consults will be held on **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 11:00AM**, at the Truro Council on Aging, 7 Standish Way, North Truro. WE CAN offers low to moderate income women a range of free legal services, including individually scheduled 30-minute appointments for women to receive targeted information and guidance on family law or landlord/tenant law. *Please Note: Attorneys do not provide representation.* **Call WE CAN to Register: 508-430-8111**