

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 24, 2020

### Announcements:

- A Special Town Election will be held to fill a vacancy on the Select Board on February 18, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Truro Community Center. The term is until the next Annual Town Election scheduled for May 12, 2020.

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

- The Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show will be held in Boston on January 24 & 25. Some Select Board members and staff will attend to hear speakers, visit the trade show, attend workshops and interact with members from across the Commonwealth. This is a great opportunity to hear about things being done in other Towns and to learn from each other. We will share information with you in the coming weeks.
- The next Budget Task Force Meeting is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm, at which we will review the Police, Fire, Emergency Management and Ambulance budgets. These meetings are open to the public and are filmed for viewing on Truro TV and the Town website.
- I met with Provincetown's newly appointed Town Manager, Robin Craver. We spent time getting up to speed on shared issues. I look forward to working with her.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- January 27, 2020-Truro Select Board with Truro Finance Committee (Budget Task Force Meeting) @ Public Safety Facility at 4:00 pm.
- January 27, 2020-Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
- January 28, 2020-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- January 30, 2020-Water Resources Oversight Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00 pm.
- January 30, 2020-Truro Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

### Department News:

#### Police Department

- On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Truro Police took part in the memorial service for retired Provincetown Officer Donald "The Dancing Cop" Thomas who passed away this past December. Officer Thomas provided many years of service to the Lower Cape community and will be missed by all.
- Reminder – A license on your dog's collar is the best way to locate a lost animal. It also provides proof of the required rabies vaccination. In Massachusetts, all dogs over six months old are required to be licensed. For further information, please contact Animal Control Officer Rachel Peters at 508-487-8730.
- Several members of the Truro Police Department will be attending the "Fighting Alzheimer's/Dementia" training at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Provincetown on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a one-day class that creates educational awareness on Alzheimer's and dementia and teaches the basics of behaviors associated with these conditions. There will also be a focus on strategies for first responders.

#### Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett took water samples with State officials.
- Dredge is now working in the approach area of the channel and should finish this week.
- Over 60 people showed up to shellfish with the tide being in the middle of the day.
- Harbor Master Jackett walked the beach picking up debris and plastics while checking the beach nourishment off Corn Hill.

#### Recreation/Beach

##### Recreation

- Youth Basketball practices and games continue.
- Department is obtaining samples of chairs for the Community Center.
- Department continues to contact seasonal staff from 2019 to invite them to return in 2020.
- Department is working with Fire Department to organize CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid training for Recreation & COA staff.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes emptied the baseball shed at the Truro Central School in

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preparation for repairs to be made by DPW.

- Department is planning for February Vacation Youth Field Trips.
- Department is working with Fire Department to schedule CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid/Stop the Bleed training for seasonal staff.
- Department is preparing for budget meeting with Budget Task Force.

### Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- Indoor Walking: Various times 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
- Community Pickleball – Mondays 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center, Thursdays 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Truro Community Center (starting 2/6/2020), Fridays 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Truro Central School, and Saturdays 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, Truro Community Center
- Adult Indoor Soccer – Mondays, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Truro Central School
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

### Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen on June 13, 2020.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are no longer required to access Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required on June 20, 2020.
- Truro ORV stickers can be purchased at the Licensing Desk at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd.
- Truro beach fire permits can be obtained by contacting the Truro Fire Department at (508) 487-7548
- [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.](#)

### Council on Aging

- Ongoing weekly staff and individual meetings.
- Newsletter meeting to discuss changes to newsletter format and content.
- Programming meeting with outreach to potential program instructors.
- Upcoming new activities
  - Monthly meeting with Director for community members to offer input into programming added to monthly calendars ongoing.
  - Contest for naming community lunch and winner and name to be in next newsletter.
- Ongoing Activities
  - Art Gallery – January Gallery – David Wennerberg
  - Chair Yoga
  - Chi Kung
  - Community Luncheon
  - Core & More
  - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
  - Memoirs
  - Men's Exercise Class
  - Move & Stretch

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- Strength Training
- Transportation
- White Line Open Studio

Library

- Tuesday nights are “Game Night” at the Truro Library, during January, February, and March. The first and third Tuesdays will be “Cribbage Night”, and the second and fourth Tuesdays will be “Mah Jongg Night”. The games begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Truro Central School will be attending “Library Day” on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The kids will cast their votes in a mock-Caldecott event for the picture book with illustrations that best enhances the story. This year the Ptown Elementary School will join us in the contest.
- Meet the (young) Artists on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The kids that work on the library’s organic children’s garden in the growing season, turn their talents to the creation of artwork that reflects what they have learned. This is a very special art show.
- On Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Truro’s Town Manager, Rae Ann Palmer, will give a talk on the state of the town and address future challenges. Refreshments are served at 6:00 p.m. and the talk begins at 6:30 p.m.