

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 31, 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.
- Please join us at the Candidates Night on Tuesday, February 4th at 6PM in Town Hall. This will be an opportunity to hear from the two candidates and to ask questions.

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

- Select Board members, staff and I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston last Friday and Saturday. We attended plenary sessions and workshops at which we heard about best practices and initiatives from around the Commonwealth and the Country. Both the Governor and LT Governor spoke at various sessions, as well as the Attorney General, Secretary of State and State Auditor. We also had the opportunity to spend time with our colleagues from other Towns on the Cape.
- Staff and I continue to work on the FY 2021 budget. The next Budget Task Force Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd at 10 AM in Town Hall. The Recreation and Beach, COA, Health and Conservation and Building Department Budgets will be reviewed. The meeting will be taped for future broadcast.
- DPW Director Jarrod Cabral, Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark and I met with a representative of Sustainable Practices LTD to discuss a ban on single use plastic bottles. She provided us with sample bylaws for both a municipal use ban and a commercial ban. We expect to present both to the Select Board for discussion about inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 3, 2020-Select Board (with Finance Committee) Budget Task Force Meeting @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00 am.
- February 3, 2020-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
- February 4, 2020-Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 3:45 pm.
- February 4, 2020-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- February 4, 2020-Select Board-Candidate's Night @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- February 5, 2020-Climate Action Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 3:45 pm.
- February 5, 2020-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- February 7, 2020-Select Board (with Finance Committee) Budget Task Force Meeting @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- We are deeply saddened by the passing of former Truro Police Chief Ronald A. Wichowski. Police Chief Wichowski was a dedicated member of the Truro Police Department from 1976 until 1993. Previously, he served with the Northampton Police Department and Barnstable County Sheriff's Department. He was the Police Chief in Truro from 1980 until his retirement in 1993. We join his family in their time of grief and offer our deepest condolences.

DPW

- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed on February 17th for Presidents Day.
- The Board of Health has approved the Transfer Station fee schedule changes. The new fee schedule will be effective February 10th, 2020. Please note there will be no changes to permit fees.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service has awarded the Town the sum of \$83,800 for the next planning phase for Pamet River. This phase will include a review of all existing data, sub-surface investigation, field investigation preliminary design alternatives and cost estimates. We hope to see a contract early February.

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- DPW has started researching the cost of water bottle refill stations to be retrofitted into the existing water bubblers in Town Facilities.
- On February 4th, 2020 DPW will begin weekly Department-wide safety meetings. A wide range of safety topics will be covered throughout the year every Tuesday morning. Every week will be different, all staff members will attend and sign in.
- Solid waste tonnage for January 2020 is 64.54 tons, solid waste tonnage for January 2019 was 105.05 tons, a drop of 40.51 tons just for the month of January.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- County Dredge left the harbor on Friday morning, January 31, 2020.
- The remaining dredge pipe was buried off Corn Hill during the week and the County excavator was removed.
- Morning and afternoon tides allowed for shellfish harvesting during this past weekend.

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- Youth Basketball practices and games continue (photo attached).
- Department is waiting on 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/1st Aid training for Recreation & COA staff.
- February Vacation Youth Field Trips:
 - Wed. 2/19/20 – Ten Pin Bowling/Arcade
 - Thur. 2/20/20 – Billy Beez
- Department is working with Fire Department to schedule CPR/1st 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 4:00 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, 6:30 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 \(which look like fish scales to a shark\).](#)

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- [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

- Staff Meetings held weekly.
- Director attended day long training and is now certifies as a trainer from UCLA memory Training.
- Director attended annual COAST (Councils on aging serving together) meeting.
- Program Development:
 - Grief and Loss Group to start in April
 - Contest for naming community lunch and winner and name to be in next newsletter.
- Ongoing Activities
 - Art Gallery – January Gallery – David Wennerberg
 - Chair Yoga
 - Qigong exercise class
 - Community Luncheon
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Memoirs
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation
 - White Line Open Studio
 - Book Nook
 - Puzzle/games drop in

Library

- On Thursday, January 30th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. there will be an Art Opening of the 10th annual Children's Community Garden Art Exhibition with the 2020 theme, *Seeing our Future*, and it is guaranteed to bring a smile... the young artists' gift to us all! Please join us for cake, crafts, and camaraderie. This exhibit will be on display until Friday, February 28th and is a collaboration between Sustainable CAPE, Truro Public Library, Barnstable County 4-H, Americorps, and is supported by the Truro Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.
- The 2020 Winter Music Series continues with Celtic Roots on Saturday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m. The Celtic Roots (formerly the Keltic Kids) is a young Celtic band hailing from several Cape Cod towns. They have performed on stage together since 2013. Their first CD, "Lola's Tree," came out in October 2019. Join us to hear members Jonathan Ford, Bailey Ford, Gavin Rice, Lili Hay, and Fern Tamagini-O'Donnell.
- "The State of Truro" with Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer will be presented on February 5th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 6:00 p.m.; program begins at 6:30 p.m. Rae Ann Palmer will report on, and address, issues facing the town of Truro now, and in the future. Everyone is welcome.

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Attachments



Coach Dutra Coaching his 3 | 4 Boys Basketball Team