## Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 19, 2020

#### **Announcements:**

• Masks are required in public areas where social distancing is not possible (per Governor Baker's Order) and in public areas of Town at all times (per Truro Board of Health). Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. View the Truro Board of Health Regulation here. View the Governor's Order here. Keep an eye out for "Wear a Mask, Do Your Part" signs on Town property (see photo).



• Citizens can view virtual meetings on Channel 18 in Truro and on the web on the "Truro TV Channel 18" button under "Helpful Links" on the homepage of the Town of Truro website. Click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page. Please note that the meetings are held remotely, and you may only hear audio. For more information on remote meetings, please click here.

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

- The Town's website host will be conducting a migration that will not allow posting from the evening of Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> through most of the weekend. You can still view the website during this maintenance process, however, announcements and updates may be delayed until the process is complete.
- The COVID staff group met again this week to discuss operations and to plan for the Annual Town Election set up.
- The Beach Office opens this weekend, but we encourage everyone to purchase beach and Transfer Station
  permits online if possible. <u>Click here</u> for more information. Stickers are required at Town beaches beginning
  Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Be sure to request your Early Voting By Mail Ballot for the Annual Town Election as soon as possible to ensure that you receive it in time to vote. More information is available <a href="here">here</a>. You may also vote in person at the Community Center on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 8 PM. Covid Safety measures will be in place.
- Pamet Harbor facilities are no longer restricted to use only by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of MA
- Updated Guidance to the Cape & Islands Seasonal Community is available now here.
- As the weather warms up, we remind beachgoers to practice shark safety.
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, June 22, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, June 23, 2020-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, June 24, 2020-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:00pm.
- Thursday, June 25, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Cloverleaf 40B Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.

### **Department News:**

### **Department of Public Works**

- In response to the circumstances related to the CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19 we have developed a response plan to maintain modified operations implemented at the Transfer Station.
- The Transfer Station will remain closed Wednesday and Thursday until July 1, 2020.
- Transfer Station Phased opening update:
  - ✓ May 22, yard waste
  - ✓ May 29, Metal, Oil filter
  - ✓ June 5, Soft Furniture, mattresses and box springs
  - ✓ June 12, Tires, propane tanks
  - ✓ June 19, Toilets, food waste, and Tv's (e-waste)
  - ✓ June 26, Remaining operational components, Haz Waste, Batteries, water tanks, Etc.
  - ✓ The Swap Shop opening will be evaluated once we enter the Governor's new normal Phase.

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- Please note: To avoid large crowds, we recommend avoiding the Transfer Station during the following peak hours of traffic: 11AM to 2PM.
- As a response to COVID-19 all air handling systems in public buildings have been cleaned and sanitized.
   In addition, our state elevator inspection for Town Hall has been completed, along with required DEP water testing for Town Hall.
- Puma Park has received hand sanitizer dispensers, along with signage "Do Your Part Wear a Mask", and signage reminding folks to social distance.

### Recreation and Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is opening, with limited public access, on Saturday, June 20, 2020. We are asking the public to order their beach stickers online if they are able.
- Beach stickers will be required to access Truro beach parking lots effective Saturday, June 20, 2020.
- After reviewing guidance from the State of Massachusetts and the CDC, we have determined that we will not be able to safely operate the Summer Recreation Youth Program.
- The Truro Community Center is closed but staff are still in the office. Staff can still be reached by phone (508) 487-1632, email dclements@truro-ma.gov , or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- Director Clements is working with Food 4 Kids to provide meals at the Community Center during the summer.
- Director Clements continues to work with DPW Director Cabral to discuss beach parking lots, beach portable restrooms, and beach accesses for the Truro beaches.
- Truro Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased by clicking HERE
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- 2019 Truro ORV stickers can be purchased by calling (508)487-1632.
- Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- Shark Warning Practice shark safety.
  - Don't swim where seals are present.
  - Don't swim too far from shore.
  - o 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.
- All programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Per State guidelines, possible opening in Phase 2 and Phase 3, depending on activity.

#### **Suspended Activities**

- Walking Group
- Indoor Walking
- Zumba Fitness
- Community Pickleball
- Adult Indoor Soccer
- Community Volleyball

### Council on Aging

- COA staff working from the office and remotely. Staff available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community, and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing SHINE appointments via telephone.
- Director Briscoe is coordinating with participants and instructors to offer programming online through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website and broadcast on local TV.
- COA staff continues to work with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group for food, prescriptions, mail etc.

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- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.
- Director Briscoe developing online psychoeducational support group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution every Friday through June, 11:00-12:30pm. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA staff collaborating with Rec/Beach to distribute food M-F through Food 4 Kids program.
- COA Director Briscoe conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, SHINE, and CCRTA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population and develop reopening plans with respective towns.
- COA staff working with Community Kitchen to provide hot meal to older adults now on Tuesdays. More than 300 meals are provided weekly.

