

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 17, 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.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- January 21, 2020-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00 am.
- January 21, 2020-Truro Taxation Aid Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 1:00 pm.
- January 21, 2020-Truro Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 4:00 pm.
- January 21, 2020-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- January 22, 2020-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.

### Department News:

#### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 8 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 8 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 16 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- Firefighter Miskiv ended her 6<sup>th</sup> week of the ten-week Career Recruit Program in Stow.
- The Department would like to remind residents that electrical fires are the leading cause of home fires in the United States and one of the contributors is space heaters. Below is a link for space heater safety <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/PortableHeaterSafety.ashx?la=en>

#### DPW

- As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed on January 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.
- The Board of Health has approved the Transfer Station fee schedule changes. The new fee schedule will be effective February 10, 2020. Please note there will be no changes to permit fees.
- The infrastructure for electric vehicle charging stations has been installed at Town Hall. Eversource has completed the work at no charge to the Town.
- February 11, 2020 the 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.
- DPW Director Cabral attended a quarterly regional solid waste meeting with staff members from DEP, and surrounding Cape communities. The meeting was highlighted with the announcement that the commercial food waste limit will be lowered to a half ton. This means that if a commercial establishment produces a half ton or more of food waste per week that establishment will be required to remove the food waste from the solid waste stream. This will be effective October 2021.
- Mill Pond Road will be open throughout the holiday weekend and closed again this Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Weather permitting the project will be completed on Tuesday.

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### Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- The dredge is currently set up in the channel and is expected to finish next week.
- Early morning tide, gusty winds and wet weather kept many shellfish harvesters home, but we still had a turnout of a dozen or so clam-diggers.
- Harbor Master Jackett has been checking the condition of the basin moorings currently located up on the beach.

### Recreation/Beach

#### Recreation

- Youth Basketball practices continue. Games have begun.
- The process of contacting seasonal staff from 2019, inviting their return for the 2020 season, is underway.
- Plans are completed for the Fire Department to organize CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid training for Recreation & COA staff.
- Researching repairs of shed at baseball field of Truro Central School.

#### 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, 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 – 8:00 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

- Staff meeting held and scheduled weekly.
- Individual staff meeting times scheduled.
- Phones in each office now ring with all incoming calls to eliminate callers need to leave voicemail when assistant is away from her office.
- Upcoming new activities
  - Monthly meeting with Director for community members to offer input into programming added to monthly calendars. The first meeting was successful with 14 people attending.
  - Initial meeting with Friends of the COA: agreement for financial contribution toward the community lunch until it is able to sustain itself.

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- 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
  - Strength Training
  - Transportation
  - White Line Open Studio

### Library

- January and February are "Food for Fines" months. If you have any library fines outstanding, bring in some non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Pantry, and get your fines excused.
- Our Winter Music Series is underway each Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Kenn Morr Band will play folk, rock, and Americana, and on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the bluegrass/folk trio "Bourbon Sunset" will perform.
- 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 Jong Night". The games begin at 5:30 p.m.
- On Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Truro 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.