

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 11, 2021

### Announcements:

- **In honor of Juneteenth, most Town Offices will be closed on Friday, June 18, 2021. The Transfer Station and Beach Office will remain open. The Library will be open on Friday, June 18, 2021 and closed on Saturday, June 19, 2021.**
- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**  
Governor Baker lifted all COVID-19 restrictions at the end of May and the State of Emergency will end June 15. All industries are permitted to be open, capacity limits are lifted, and the gathering limit is rescinded. Face-coverings will no longer be required by the Commonwealth in most settings. For a link to the Governor's press release, [click here](#).  
The Select Board, the Board of Health and Town staff continue to update policy and procedural recommendations for re-openings, masking, and open meetings in Truro. The Town of Truro is committed to managing this transition deliberately, thoughtfully, and carefully and will spend the coming weeks analyzing data, reviewing guidance, and considering the specific needs of Truro. Policies, orders, or procedures that are updated are/will be included on the Town of Truro website.  
**On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, the Truro Board of Health amended Rule and Order Requiring the Use of Masks and Other Protective Measures:**  
[Click here to view the Board of Health's Rule & Order Requiring the Use of Masks and Other Protective Measures \(revised May 25, 2021\)](#)  
**On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, the Truro Select Board revised Policy 64: Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro:**  
**[Truro Select Board's Policy Memorandum #64 Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro](#)**

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

- With the Governor's declaration of the end of the State of Emergency, remote meetings as we know them will end on June 15<sup>th</sup>, unless legislation is passed to continue to allow remote participation of board and committee members. Just like the other communities in the Commonwealth, Truro is following this legislation closely so that meetings can be held in compliance with Open Meeting Law in the safest and most inclusive manner possible. Please stay tuned for updates.
- The Official Town Meeting Warrant is posted. To view, please visit: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/2021townmeeting>
- Staff continues to prepare for the outdoor Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 am (check in at 9 am and rain date on June 27, 2021). We are presently finalizing set up plans, testing A/V equipment, and ordering and inventorying supplies. We hope you can join us on the 26<sup>th</sup>!
- Truro is recruiting for a Finance Director (Treasurer/Collector). **This posting was recently updated and will remain open until June 15, 2021 at 4 pm or until filled. First review of applications will be on June 15, 2021.** Information on this posting and other open positions in the Town of Truro are available [here](#).
- Hiring of seasonal staff has proved to be very difficult this season. Currently, the Recreation Department Summer Youth Program has only enough staff to offer the program to residents. Applicants are desperately needed for the Summer Youth Program, the Lifeguard program, and the Beach EMT program. Information and applications for these positions and other open positions in the Town of Truro is available [here](#). **A sign-on and stay-on bonus is offered for vaccinated individuals applying for a seasonal position with the Town of Truro. Please contact [jobs@truro-ma.gov](mailto:jobs@truro-ma.gov) for more information.**
- **Rental Registration Applications** are available for compliance with the Renting or Leasing Buildings Bylaw (GNL BYLAW, Ch II, §1-1) if you are renting your house, condominium, cottage, or any portion thereof for 120 days or less. Please remember that compliance with this bylaw is REQUIRED. Beach permit sales are limited to Truro property owners, residents, and their authorized renters (as registered with the Town of Truro) and guests.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 14, 2021-Energy Committee at 4:30pm.

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- Monday, June 14, 2021-Bike and Walkways Committee at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021-Select Board Work Session at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021-Board of Health at 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021-Planning Board Work Session at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, June 17, 2021-Climate Action Committee at 10:30am.

### **Department News:**

#### DPW

- **Reminder** Residents can check their Transfer Station access status by entering their license plate at <https://truro.townhall247.com/PlateChecker/> . If your access is expired or will be expiring soon, you can renew your permit online [here](#). Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> folks began receiving automatic email reminders to renew their annual Transfer Station permits accompanied by a link to the purchasing website.
- The Transfer Station will be open seven days a week May 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021.
- The re-opening of the Swap Shop will coincide with all Town Buildings and COVID-19 parameters. Opening date is tentatively scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Swap Shop operating hours will be 8:00am – 2:00pm Saturday through Monday. The Swap Shop will be open when volunteers are present during the operating hours. All volunteers must complete all required administrative taskings –online Ethics training, acknowledge receipt of policies, and complete a background check.
- As part of the watermain extension project, the cleaning and grubbing of the Cloverleaf site has been completed. Next week the watermain will be installed through the Cloverleaf site and connected to the Fire House Road extension.
- Director Cabral has been in contact with DOT officials to request a stop sign to be installed at the intersection of Stotts Crossing and Shore Road.
- The final beach preparations for the season have been completed. Mobi Mats will be added to Coast Guard Beach following Town Meeting. In addition, volunteer beach cleanup stations will be added to all beach locations in the coming weeks.

#### Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett loaded his truck with shell bags that were made and stored at the Dennis Transfer Station and transported them to ARC (hatchery in Dennis) where they will be deployed to collect our annual oyster remote set.
- Reset new harbor rock buoy just outside the harbor with new block and chain.
- Fishing activity this past week took off with some hot sunny days and rising water temperature.

#### Recreation and Beach

- **Online Sticker Sales** – To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Youth Softball** – Season is still going, and the combined 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team of Truro and Wellfleet is doing well under the coaching of Kirsten Anderson and Jason Kew.
- **Beach Fires** – Currently issued and managed by Truro Fire Dept. Starting June 12 the Beach Office will issue and manage. Beach Fire Permits will be available online starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Currently only Truro residents are eligible for the program. For more information click [HERE](#). We are reviewing the Pre-Registrations and the online registration will open for the Summer Rec Youth Program next week.
- **Pet Closures** – Director Clements attends Select Board meeting to give an update on pet closures on Truro beaches.
- **SOLaware** – Director Clements is seeking sponsors for UV Display Stations. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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- **ORV** – Director Clements purchases new signs for the ORV corridor, informing users that the purchase of an O.R.V. Beach Sticker grants access to the O.R.V. Corridor on beaches owned by the Town of Truro ONLY. The Town of Truro can neither grant nor prohibit access to beach areas owned privately. Entry onto private land may subject O.R.V. drivers to a claim of trespass by the property owner(s).
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags:** Work continues to bring this program to life. Ellery Althaus has secured funding and created sponsor signs. Director Cabral continues the construction of storage containers.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended until filled. Click [HERE](#) to view postings. The Town posted a vaccination bonus for seasonal employees, click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **eNewsletter** – Director Clements creates landing page through Constant Contact for the public to sign up to receive department updates. To sign up, click [HERE](#).
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) will open to the public on Sat., June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required starting June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. ORV stickers are still required to access the bayside, off-road corridor. To order online click [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983. Truro beach fire permits are currently managed by the Truro Fire Department (508)487-7548.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open and new picnic tables have been installed.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

### Suspended Activities

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

### Library

- The Library will be closed on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Juneteenth. The Library will open on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Farmer's Market "branch" of the Truro Library will open at the June 21 market and will continue at every market.
- Outdoor story times are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. behind the Library.
- Capoeira, a Brazilian martial art, classes are held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This program is for all ages.
- Creative Movement for Pre-K aged children are Tuesday mornings 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- CapeAbilities participants are helping care for our Children's Garden twice each week.

### Council on Aging

- COAST (COA serving together) group sharing virtual programming across all cape towns-information can be found on the town website, COA "stay connected" page as well as on Facebook and in current newsletter, or call for more information.
- COA hosting Coffee and a Pastry Thursday, June 17 and 24 from 10-11 outside on the patio-**call to register, space is limited.**
- COA staff calling residents to survey them for input regarding programming at COA.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides on Mondays and Thursdays with transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA offering virtual programing through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as

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- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ new time of 11:00.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom. Call Mary-Elizabeth to join 508-487-2462.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group via Zoom. If interested, call the COA to register 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution **every other Friday until further notice. Times remain 11-12:30 for pick up at community center.**
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, EOEA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

### Assessing

- The Truro Board of Assessors is currently undergoing the Recertification Process with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for our Fiscal Year 2022 values. This Recertification process occurs by statute every five years. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 56 requires us to assess at full and fair cash value as of January 1, 2021, based on sales in calendar years 2019 & 2020. The Revaluation resulted in typical value increases of approximately 4% to 8%.
- Soon the Assessors will be receiving Preliminary values. These FY22 Preliminary assessments will be available on the website [www.truro-ma.gov](http://www.truro-ma.gov). The dates and times for this disclosure period will be listed on the website which will last approximately 5 business days. Please continue to check the website for these dates and times. Revisions to parcel data may be made during the public disclosure period. After that time, values will be set and submitted to the Department of Revenue for final certification and these values will be on the October 2021 tax bills.
- Taxpayers may contact the Assessors Office with questions or additional information regarding their proposed values by phone (508)349-5505 x 117 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by email at [jnahas@truro-ma.gov](mailto:jnahas@truro-ma.gov).

### Attachments

Shell Bags to be deployed

