

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 17, 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 All industries are permitted to be open, capacity limits are lifted, and the gathering limit is rescinded.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:

- New legislation was passed to allow for remote meetings of public boards and committees. Truro is equipping public meeting spaces and ordering specialized equipment to allow for sufficient-quality hybrid meetings (meetings where in-person and remote attendance is possible). Truro's goal is to offer meetings that comply with Open Meeting Law in the safest and most inclusive manner possible. Please stay tuned for updates.
- I participated in a joint press conference with Lower Cape community officials, Cape Cod National Seashore officials, and Recreation & Beach Director Damion Clements to provide education and awareness about great white shark presence in our area.
- 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 26th!
- 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 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.

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- The **2020 Truro Annual Town Report** is available on the [Town Website](#).
- The Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is looking for a high school Committee member. For more information on applying please complete the [Application to Serve](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 21, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, June 22, 2021-Select Board at 5:00pm
- Wednesday, June 23, 2021-Planning Board Executive Session at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, June 23-2021-Planning Board at 5:00pm
- Thursday, June 24, 2021-Climate Action Committee at 10:30am
- Thursday, June 24, 2021-Historical Commission Public Hearing at 5:30pm

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](#).
- The Transfer Station is 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 reopening parameters. Opening date is tentatively scheduled for July 10, 2021. Swap Shop operating hours will be 8:00am-2:00pm Saturday through Monday. Swap Shop will be open when volunteers are present during the operating hours. All volunteers must complete all required administrative taskings- online Ethics training, acknowledgements for Select Board Policy #54 (Conduct Policy), Policy #19 (Sexual Harassment), and complete a background check.
- The watermain has been installed through the Cloverleaf site and connected to the Fire House Road extension. Next week we will see the cleanup of the site and demobilization of equipment.
- The final beach preparations for the season have been completed. Accessible mats will be added to Coast Guard Beach following Town Meeting. In addition, volunteer trash pack-up stations have been installed at Corn Hill and Head of the Meadow beaches. We will be adding more stations to all beach locations in the coming weeks.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Staff worked on seasonal maintenance and cleaning this week, processing applications through the online system, and moving existing buoys and additional channel markers this week.
- Fishing activity continues to increase, and 1st day of commercial bass season started on Wednesday the 16th.

Recreation and Beach

- **Online Sticker Sales** – To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **NPS Press Conference** – Director Clements attends a press conference of the Cape Cod National Seashore with Town Manager Tangeman.
- **Food 4 Kids** – Director Clements attends Site Supervisor training from the Food 4 Kids program.
- **Senior Cooking Class** – Director Clements meets with Francie Randolph to discuss offering a senior cooking class at the Community Center.
- **AWSC** – Director Clements meets with Atlantic White Shark Conservancy to prepare for the Be Shark Smart program to be held at Head of the Meadow Beach from July 2 – September 3, 2021, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- **Youth Softball** – The team had its last game on Monday, 6/14/21. We are very grateful for Coach Andersen, Coach Kew, and the assistance of Ms. O'Leary, Rob, and James.

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- **Beach Fires** – Starting June 12 the Beach Office started managing the Beach Fire Permit process. Beach Fire Permits are available online. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Currently only working 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 as soon as possible.
- **Pet Closures** – Updated 6/13/21. QR Codes have been added to Pet Closure signs. This QR Code will direct individuals to the department web page with details pertaining to pet closures.



Truro beach rules and regulations state: All Animals Are Prohibited Between the Hours of 9:00 am And 6:00 pm, from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day. In addition, beach restrictions for pets may be increased due to the presence of shorebirds. Below is a detailed description of Truro Beach Pet Closures. If you have any questions as to whether or not pets are allowed, feel free to call (508)487-6983.

- Head of the Meadow Beach: NO PETS ALLOWED - Beach closed to pets traveling north and south of beach access path.
- Coast Guard Beach, Truro: NO PETS ALLOWED - Beach closed to pets traveling north and south of beach access path.
- Longnook Beach: Beach closed to pets traveling approximately 1/8 mile north (left) of beach access path. Beach closed to pets traveling approximately 1/4 mile south (right) of beach access path.
- Ballston Beach: Beach closed to pets approximately 1 mile south (right) of the beach access path. Beach closed to pets traveling north (left) approximately 1/2 mile of beach access path.
- Bound Brook (Ryder Beach): Beach closed to pets travelling to the south (left) of beach access path. Beach closed to pets travelling to the north (right) approximately 1/2 mile of beach access path.
- Fisher Beach: Beach closed to pets approximately 1/2 mile north (right) of beach access path.
- Beach Point: NO PETS ALLOWED
- **SOLaware** – Director Clements is seeking sponsors for UV Display Stations. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **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 (pic attached)**: Thanks to the efforts of Ellery Althaus this program concept has become a reality. Two Beach Clean-Up Bag stations have been installed by the DPW: one at Head of the Meadow Beach and one at Corn Hill Beach. As more stations are built, they will be installed. The goal is to have a station for all Town of Truro beaches.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended until they are filled. Click [HERE](#) to view postings. The Town posted a vaccination bonus for seasonal employees, click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) opened on Sat., June 12, 2021. The office will be open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers will be required starting Sat., June 19, 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.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open and new picnic tables have been installed.
- **Programs** – Director Clements is working to bring back programs like these and new ones to the Community Center:

Suspended Activities

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

Library

- The Library will be closed on Saturday, June 19th in celebration of Juneteenth.
- Join us for an outdoor concert (in back of the library) on Sunday, June 20th beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- The Farmers' Market "branch" of the Truro Library will open at the June 21st market and will continue at every market.
- There will be two sessions of a presentation on Wampanoag history and culture by Tim Turner, Plimoth Patuxet's Indigenous Museum Educator on Wednesday, June 30th. The first session is 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second session is 11:00 a.m. to noon. Please sign up ahead of time since space is limited.
- Outdoor story times are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. behind the Library.

Council on Aging

- COA staff developing a re-opening plan and welcome back activities-watch for July/August newsletter for details.
- 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 June 24 from 10-11 outside on the patio-**call to register space is limited.**
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides on Mondays and Thursdays with transportation, and safety protocols in place.
- 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.
- 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, EOE 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%.
- The Assessors have received Preliminary values. These FY22 Preliminary assessments will be available on the website www.truro-ma.gov. The dates and times for this disclosure period will be Wednesday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 30, 2021. 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 Assessor's Office with questions or additional information regarding their

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proposed values by phone (508) 349-7004 x 117 Monday-Friday 8 a.m to 4 p.m. or by email at jnahas@truro-ma.gov .

Attachments

