

# Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

March 19, 2021

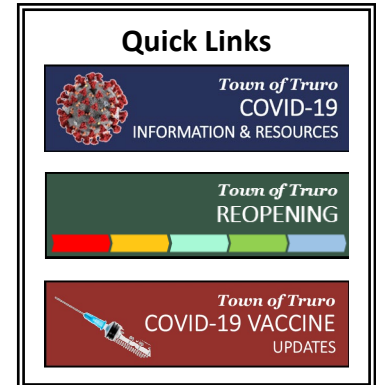
## Announcements:

- 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 or join the meeting using the phone number/ link included on the agenda.
- COVID-19 cases continue to be identified in our area. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Don't give up! Wear your mask! As a reminder, the Town of Truro and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have masking requirements for the public. If you are in a public space--indoors or outdoors, and even if you can stay six feet from others--you must be masked.



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

- Staff is preparing for the June 26, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Truro Central School Ballfield. Vendors are being secured. Assistant Town Manager Clark and I are working with the Town Moderator to address challenges from last year's outdoor town meeting.
- I attended the third of five Friday online sessions of MMA and Suffolk University's Municipal Finance Management Seminar. The seminar will be held every consecutive Friday in March and the first Friday in April.
- Please note that nomination papers are due to the Clerk's Office by March 23, 2021 at 5 pm in order to appear on the Election Ballot. More information is available [here](#).



## Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, March 22, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Executive Session at 5:00pm.
- Monday, March 22, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing-Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, March 23, 2021-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 24, 2021-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Thursday, March 25, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.

## Department News:

### DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at Covid-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- DPW staff repaired the westside roadway area directly above the Mill Pond Road culvert this week. As part of this repair, the guardrails were removed and reset in place. In-kind material (rip rap stone) was also added to armor the roadside more effectively.
- DPW Director Cabral completed site visits with Town Manager Tangeman at the following locations: East Harbor, Little Pamet, Truro Center Road culvert (Pamet River), Ballston Beach, Mill Pond Road, Eagle Neck Creek, the Community Center and Library area.
- DPW Director Cabral met with the Division of Ecological Restoration and the USDA to review the possibility of funding the initial engineering required to remove and replace the failing culvert located on Mill Pond Road.
- Solid Waste-Last year's total: 1662.31 ton. This year's projection: 1900.00 ton.
- Single Stream-Last year's total: 469.00 ton. This year's projection: 600.00 ton.
- A contract was awarded this week to DIG IT Construction to install the watermain for the Cloverleaf Community Housing area. As part of this project, single lane paving is required by DOT from the Shore Road intersection to the Cloverleaf site.

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### Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- This past Sunday had morning and afternoon tides that looked like two different days. It was sunny but chilly with no wind in the morning and about 20 people shell fishing and then drastically different in the afternoon with blizzard like conditions and 8 people shell fishing. The weather stopped as quickly as it started.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett is looking at getting relay quahogs in early May after speaking with DMF and the boat captain.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett checked the cultch supply and supplies to put oyster bags together over the next couple of weeks for the oyster remote set at the hatchery.

### Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 and vaccines click [HERE](#)
- **Directors Meeting** – Director Clements and Director Briscoe hold a weekly meeting.
- **MA DPH** – Director Clements attends weekly update on youth sports.
- **Beach Stickers** – Beach sticker online sales will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. For more info. click [HERE](#).
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags:**
  - Director Clements presents beach clean-up bag station program to Truro Select Board.
  - Director Clements organizes a video meeting to plan for beach clean-up bag stations.
- **Trainings** – Director Clements attends video training.
  - Preventing Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace
  - Civility and Inclusion: Essential Ingredients for the Healthy Workplace
- **MRPA State Conference & Trade Show** – Director Clements attends sessions:
  - How to Have Fun in the Sun
  - Strategies for A Successful Splash Pad
  - Inclusive Playground Design - A Case Study
  - Understanding the Rules and Regulations for Camps
- **St. Patrick's Youth Scavenger Hunt** – Event ended and pot-o-gold prizes distributed with a curbside pickup (see attached picture).
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements continues correspondence with past staff in preparation for the 2021 season.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal jobs were posted on the town's web site. Click [HERE](#) to view.
- **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 first new eNewsletter was published for March 2020. To view the eNewsletter click [HERE](#).
- **Easter** – Director Clements continues to plan for an Easter event with Truro Vineyards, the TEEA, and the Truro Library. This event will be held outside on Sat., 4/3/21. For more info. or to sign up, click [HERE](#).
- **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](mailto:dclements@truro-ma.gov), or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) is closed and unstaffed and beaches are no longer protected by lifeguards. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. 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 suspended.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open. We plan on installing a new tire swing and making repairs to the elements in the next week. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in

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public. The playground is cleaned weekly and hand sanitizing stations are present. Portable restrooms will be available starting April 17<sup>th</sup>.

- 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

### **Council on Aging**

- COA staff continue to work from the office and remotely. Someone is always available Monday-Friday, 8-4 by phone and/or email.
- COA staff working with town and county health department for updates and information on COVID-19 vaccine.
- 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 drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry on Thursdays from 10-11am.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA staff calling residents to offer friendly support to help reduce social isolation.
- COA transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA staff participating in no cost virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- COA offering virtual programming through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page, as well as channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at new time of 11:00am.
- Director Briscoe offering LBGT group via Zoom. If interested call the COA to register at 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry. Distribution is every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30pm for pick up at the Community Center.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- 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.

### **Library**

- Library Director Ford and Assistant Library Director Hanelt attended a training for the creation of library strategic plans, sponsored by the Massachusetts Library System. The current strategic plan under which the library is operating will expire at the end of FY22.
- Library Board of Trustees had their monthly ritual meeting on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- Virtual Library staff meetings continue every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Truro Library Book Group will meet virtually on Wednesday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the book, OUR MAN: RICHARD HOLBROOKE AND THE END OF THE AMERICAN CENTURY.

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## Assessing

- The Deadline for Exemptions for FY21 is Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ 4pm. This includes all Residential (Truro is your Primary Domicile as of January 1, 2020) and Statutory Exemptions (Seniors meeting strict Income and Asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, and the Blind) as of July 1, 2020.
- As a reminder, if you have already been approved for the Residential Exemption, you do not have to reapply annually. The Assessor's Office will notify you if clarification is needed. Statutory Exemptions must reapply annually regardless of the situation.
- Please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at 508.349.7004 x116 and we will be happy to assist.

## Attachments

