

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 20, 2018

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

- *Final interviews for the open Firefighter/ EMT positions were conducted on Thursday. Candidates completed written exams and oral interviews with BadgeQuest prior to this phase of the process.*
- *MASS DOT will repair the culvert at the Route 6/Highland Road interchange this summer to slow the storm water coming off of Route 6 and contributing to the flooding in North Truro center. They will make additional storm water repairs at the 6A intersection in the fall.*
- *I will be on vacation for the next two weeks; Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark will be in charge in my absence.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, July 23, 2018-Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, July 24, 2018- Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, July 25, 2018- Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, July 26, 2018- Truro Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Saturday, July 28, 2018-Truro Historical Commission @ Truro Public Library at 9:30am.

Department News:

Police Department

- Officers have continued to perform traffic control duties at the Truro Central School during morning hours for the recreational programs.
- Reminder that the Truro Police Department is participating in the "Battle of the Badges" Blood Drive on August 2, 2018 from 12:30pm – 5:00pm at the Truro Community Center. All donations benefit the Cape Cod community.

Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station is open 7 days a week. The Swap Shop will remain open three days a week- Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, closed Tuesday through Friday.
- An engineering proposal for the Swap Shop replacement has been accepted, and the DPW will move forward with the appropriate permitting requirements.
- In an effort to provide recycling alternatives, beginning August 1, 2018 the Transfer Station will provide, at no cost to the Town, a textile recycling trailer. All of the following can be accepted in any condition as long as it's clean and dry: footwear, clothing, clothing accessories, linens and stuffed animals. Carpets and rugs less than 2'x4' will also be accepted.
- Volunteer shifts to staff the Swap Shop are currently available. Please visit the Swap Shop to sign up. Shifts are available in two hour increments.
- The Library roof replacement bid has closed, and is currently under review.
- The roadway paving and resurfacing bid has been awarded and work is tentatively scheduled to begin the third week of September.

Harbor Master

- The Harbor Master has several projects being done by all staff including: 1) comparing revenue from 2017 to 2018 since we have new Waterways fees, 2) dinghy inventory to make sure everyone is paying their \$15 dinghy fee and have their permit stick on the dinghy, 3) improvements to the Harbormaster boat with additional 12V AC outlets for back-up pumps, 4) additional lines on new docks that boats have requested for easy and fast tying up, etc.
- All Basin Mooring and Tidal Moorings have been paid in full and we are now looking at open spaces on the waitlist in both mooring fields. We have about (41) customers on Tidal Wait List and (19) on basin Wait List that have paid which is about 75% paid in full. By August 1st the unpaid customers will be dropped from the list per our regulations.

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- 5th Annual Castle Hill flotilla starting point was held at Pamet Harbor on Saturday the 14th and was very successful with the aid of the Harbormaster staff (see photo).

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Pickleball – Saturdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Truro Community Center
 - Zumba Fitness – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
 - Summer Rec Youth program will run from July 2 – August 17, 2018 at the Truro Central School and the Truro Community Center
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Summer Rec participants went on a field trip to the Heritage Museums & Gardens and The Adventure Park.
- Upcoming Activities
 - Lyengar Yoga with Karin Stephan
 - Post Season program will run from August 20 – August 28, 2018 at the Truro Community Center
- Beach
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is open daily from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 - Beach Fire – Permits may be requested online at www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office
 - Currently the ORV corridor at Corn Hill South is closed

Library

- End of fiscal year library circulation statistics show a modest rise over the previous fiscal year. In fy18 the patrons borrowed 48,469 physical items and 6,391 electronic items, for a total circulation of 54,860 items. This is an increase of 1,508 items.
- Judy Schachner, author of over 26 highly successful children's books will give a presentation on her "Life in Books" at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Schachner is the creator of the Skippyjon Jones book series and the books *Sarabella's Thinking Cap* and *Yo Vikings*.
- Also on Tues., July 24, 6:30 p.m., Clyde Watson will present a program about the life and work of the late illustrator and author Wendy Watson.
- On Thurs., July 26, 6:30 p.m., Tim Dickey and Julie Charland, a.k.a. "Toast and Jam", will entertain at the Summer Concert Series.

Council on Aging

- **Are you or someone in the community in need of help?** The Outer Cape Health Services Community Resource Navigator (CRN) program is here to help Truro residents with unmet medical, behavioral health, and human service needs. The program's "Navigator" can help to identify support networks and services to get residents in crisis the care they deserve toward leading healthier and more secure lives in the community. Outer Cape Health's CRN program can help with access to:
 - Mental Health services
 - Substance Abuse services
 - Medical care
 - Social services
 - Case management
 - Coordination with other services and programs not offered by Outer Cape Health. Referrals for the CRN program can be made by residents, family members, service providers, or community members. CRN will now hold drop-in office hours at the **Truro COA every Wednesday from 11am – 2pm**. Alternatively, appointments can be scheduled at another safe and confidential location by contacting: **Brianne Smith at CRNavigator@outercape.org or calling 774-209-3222.**
- **Update on classes at the Council on Aging**
 - Bereavement support group and Outer Cape White Line Printmakers open studio will not meet until September.

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Assessing

- The Assessor's office has begun accepting applications for Statutory Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2019. Please contact us with any questions regarding eligibility for Senior, Veteran, or Blind Exemptions available for residents that meet ownership, residency, disability, income and asset requirements.
- Residential Exemption information has been posted to our website www.truro-ma.gov/assessors-office . We have begun to accept new applications for the Residential Exemption for FY19, should it be approved by the Board of Selectmen in August. For residents who received the Residential Exemption last year, if it is approved again for FY19, we will use the information submitted previously for this year. Please review the documents on the website and contact the Assessor's Office with any questions.

Administration

- Preparations for both Planning Board Public Hearing Meetings for Zoning Bylaw Amendments (July 25, 2018 Proposed Marijuana Bylaws and August 15, 2018 Proposed House Size Bylaws) to be held at the Community Center.

Attachments:

5th Annual Castle Hill flotilla at Pamet Harbor

