

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 23, 2017

Dear Board of Selectmen Members:

This week's activities of note:

- The new permit system for use of the Transfer Station requires registration of the vehicle that will be used to bring trash and recycling. People registering must provide a copy of their vehicle registration and if the vehicle is registered outside of Truro, documentation that they own or rent property in Town. *There are no new regulations.*
- Staff is busy closing the current fiscal year and getting ready for the start of the new fiscal year.
- Interview panels are being scheduled for several vacant positions including the Recreation and Beach Director, a shared Office Assistant for Recreation and the COA and a part time office assistant for Health and Conservation. These are all previously filled positions. Recruitment continues for a Town Planner.
- Last weekend marked the start of season at Truro Town beaches.
- **Reminder** – *please join us at the Community Center on June 29th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM to say thank you to Chief Kyle Takakjian as he retires.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 26, 2017-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall-7:00pm
- Tuesday, June 27, 2017-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall-5:00pm
- Tuesday, June 27, 2017-Truro Bike and Walkways @ Truro Public Safety Facility-6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 27, 2017-Planning Board Meeting @ Truro Public Safety Facility-6:00pm

Department News:

Police Department

- The Massachusetts Accreditation Certification Assessment took place last week. The Department did very well. Of the 159 standards, 4 additional administrative updates are due between now and October 1st, and the Department can expect its Certification after the Commission meets in October.
- Our 3 part-time dispatchers have all completed the 40 hour APCO dispatch basic course; next is the Emergency Medical Dispatch training.
- The Department passed its NG-911 (Next Generation) compliance inspection.
- Chief Takakjian attended his last SWAT training session and all-hands Department meeting (See attached pictures).

Fire Department

- This week the department had 7 EMS Calls with 6 transports, 4 alarms, 1 car crash and 3 other fire response related calls. Calls are increasing in Truro and in our neighboring towns.
- Last Saturday, June 10th the department had a presentation on cancer in the Fire Service. Retired Fire Chief and cancer survivor, Marty Green, was the presenter. The presentation was very eye opening and informative.

Department of Public Works

- Due to heavy rain over the last few weeks, emergency road repairs were required along Mill Pond Rd to repair the retaining wall on the seaward side in multiple areas as well as repair the paved berm on the seaward side. Town Center Rd also received significant repairs to include repaving a water way and solidifying the same area rip rap stone.
- Shade structures supplied to the beach attendants are currently being modified to allow for more shade and the ability to lock and secure each structure.
- This week the DPW received a grant from The Department of Energy Resources totaling \$109,736.00 for mechanical heating and cooling upgrades for the Safety Facility. Cape Light Compact also contributed \$5,481.70 along with Town capital funds of \$8,000 bringing the total project cost to \$123,217.70. In addition, the DPW has also received a \$5,000 Grant from Cape Light Compact for annual energy

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reporting and grant writing assistance.

- The DPW has also received a \$5,000.00 reimbursable grant for the purchase of bike racks, as well as an \$8,000.00 grant from DEP for the purchase of a single stream compacter and to recycle educational materials.
- Roadway sweeping and mowing continue, along with standard landscape maintenance along town roads and grounds.
- Online sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations.

Recreation/Beach

- The Truro Lifeguards received tourniquet training to prepare them for shark incidents.
- The Truro Summer Recreation Counselors conducted training to prepare them for the upcoming Summer Rec Youth Program, which will start with a Pre-Season program from June 26 – June 30, 2017, and will move right into the Summer Rec Program, which runs from July 5 – August 18, 2017.

Harbor Master

- 80 percent of the parking lot has been painted with parking space lines.
- DPW completed the outfitting of our Harbormaster boat.
- Put in remaining basin mooring blocks and the accompanying floats except one to allow float owner to replace chain.

Council on Aging

- The Senior Municipal Service Program will begin on July 1st for FY18. Under this program, participating taxpayers work in exchange for a reduction in their real estate tax bill. We received a total of 26 applications and were able to place twenty-one older adults in a Town department. Eleven of the twenty-six applications have not previously applied to participate in the program.
- The Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority has announced that it will offer a new program for seniors on Cape Cod. The "Free Fare Wednesday" program is offering free rides on all of the Authority's fixed routes for people aged 60 or older on Wednesdays beginning June 28th.
- Artist John Choly will be showing his work in the COA art gallery for the month of July. John's art opening will be on Sunday, July 2nd from 3:00-6:00pm.
- On Monday, July 10th, please stop by the COA and wish Margie Childs well on her last day as she leaves for her retirement.

Library

- Geologist and Outer Cape resident Mark Borelli will give a talk on the effect erosion has on the Truro landscapes on Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, June 28th. Kids register with a reading log and keep track of their summer reading time. For every hour of reading, kids receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a wonderful prize at the end of the summer. Additionally, for every reading hour the Friends of the Truro Library will make a donation to the Friends of Truro Recreation's Puma Park Project. This year's summer reading slogan is "Build a Better World."
- On Thursday, June 29th at 10:30 a.m., Truro's Department of Public Works Director Jarrod Cabral will be a special guest at our weekly story time. Jarrod will bring some real trucks with him for the kids to look at and he will read some fun books about trucks.
- The Truro Library is pleased to offer a free delivery service for temporarily homebound or for long-term homebound patrons. Books and other materials, such as audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs, magazines, will be delivered and picked up from the patron's home.
- The Library has recently assembled a mini-collection of resources for patrons interested in becoming American citizens. We have information and study materials for the U.S. Citizenship test, information on

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local attorneys, and information on how to steer through this often confusing process.

Administration

- Eight (8) one-week Shellfish permits issued this week as the summer season gets underway.
- Finalizing reappointments for Board/Committee/Commission members and reminders being emailed on updating online State ethics exam, Policy #54, and the receipt of Conflict of Interest.
- Rental Registration applications are being submitted daily with the list being sent to the Beach Office for reference.

Attachments

1. Photographs from Police Department