

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 28, 2017

Dear Board of Selectmen Members:

This week's activities of note:

- *Town Manager Palmer, Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Slade and I met with Town of Provincetown staff to discuss employee health insurance and to explore potential ways to mitigate rising costs and plan design changes.*
- *I attended a training in Boston on ADA compliance for municipalities which satisfied one of the FY17 Community Development Block Grant application requirements. Part of the training included information about upcoming technical assistance grants that will be offered by the Massachusetts Office on Disability to update State-mandated Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans.*
- *White shark activity continued this week. Head of the Meadow was closed for approximately two hours on Thursday due to activity from a shark tagging boat and shark spotter plan.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, July 29, 2017-Truro Historical Commission Joint Meeting with Historic Review Board @ Truro Public Library-10:00am
- Monday, July 31, 2017-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall-7:00pm
- Tuesday, August 1, 2017-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall-4:30pm
- Tuesday, August 1, 2017-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall-6:00pm

Department News:

Police Department

- The Department continues to conduct pro-active traffic enforcement on primary and secondary roads.
- The Department continues to place the speed trailer at various locations in town.
- Two Department Motor Officers, who are members of the Cape Cod Regional Law Enforcement Council Motorcycle Unit, provided assistance at the Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen, held on Sunday, July 23, 2017. The event is held in honor of Cape Cod's Fallen Military Men and Women.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 9 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 7 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 23 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Fire Department responded to the Top Mast hotel for a report of smoke in the building. Arriving company found a light smoke condition. Investigation revealed the smoke was the result of a hot water heater malfunction that had started to ignite the floor. This was extinguished with minimal water and there was no estimate on damage.
- The Department would like to remind residents to be prepared in case of emergencies and the link below shows how to build a home emergency kit. A home emergency kit is a fundamental part of home preparedness. <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/be-prepared/kit/>

Department of Public Works

- In collaboration with the National Seashore, a large concrete block was removed early Monday morning from the beach access pathway at Longnook Beach. DPW personnel were also dispatched to the Noon's Heights area to provide a burial for a deceased basking shark.
- The culvert on Castle Road that is connected to Little Pamet has been cleaned out along with the culvert located on the seaward side of Little Pamet. The clapper valve is functioning on the outermost seaward side and water is flowing.
- License plate recognition technology at the Transfer Station continues to improve. The DPW has activated two smart phones which are carried by staff members, which enables the attendants to monitor and validate plates while assisting clients outside of the office.

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- Roadway sweeping and mowing continue, along with standard landscape maintenance along town roads and grounds. Frequency of catch basin cleaning has increased due to the amount of rain we have received this spring.
- Online sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations.

Recreation/Beach

- Activities this week at the Summer Rec Youth program:
 - Field trip to Water Wizz (photo attached)
 - Community Gardening at the Truro Public Library
- The Beach Office continues to sell Transfer Station permits, beach stickers, and beach fire permits. The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road, is open every day, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Beach fire permits may be obtained online at www.activityreg.com under Massachusetts and Truro Recreation.

Council on Aging

- The Director attended Governor Baker's Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts which was a listening session focused on how to make the Commonwealth the most livable state for people of all ages. State Representative Peake, State Senator Cyr and Mass. Secretary of Elder Affairs Alice Bonner spoke on behalf of older adults and the challenges that they face living on Cape Cod.
- The FY18 Visiting Nurses of Cape Cod agreement has been sent to Health Agent Pajaron and Director Travers for review before signature from Town Manager Palmer for Nursing and Wellness Services for the Town of Truro.
- On Weds., August 2 at 11:30 am the COA and Recreation Departments will host an intergenerational art class at the COA focusing on creating art using rocks and stones from Great Hollow Beach.

Harbor Master

- Big tides this past week allowed people access to shellfish areas.
- Checked moorings in areas that are not exposed during normal tides.
- Checked shellfish grants and had vibrio forms filled out and reviewed log books.
- Made calls to people on the mooring wait list and to fill a couple of open spots.

Library

- Expressive and creative art educator Jennifer Stratton will facilitate the creation of fairy and nature houses on Friday, July 28th, at 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 28th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. will be an Afternoon of Poetry and Music at the Library. Barry Hellman's Cape Cod Poetry Group will be hosting a reading of their works, some of which will be accompanied by music.
- Emily Beebe, Truro's Assistant Conservation Agent, will be presenting on August 8th at 6:00 p.m. on "Why We Need Beachcombers: Beach cleanups for a purpose."
- Truro artist Warren Green will display his work at the Truro Library in the Anne H. Brock Community Room during the month of August.
- Please support the Friends of the Library with a visit to their GIGANTIC BOOKSALE on Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Rain date: Thursday, August 10th).

Assessing

- The Assessing Staff is in the process of analyzing and updating data for the FY2018 Interim Valuation DOR submission.
- The Assessing Staff has completed mailing pre-qualifying Residential Exemption applications and is accepting completed ones. To date, 827 applications were mailed and 155 have been received back. The packet can be found on the Assessors page on the Town website.

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Attachments

1. Photograph from Recreation Department
2. Photograph of Chief Danziger, Sgt Holway and Provincetown Officer Landry with the Cape Cod Regional Law Enforcement Council Motorcycle Unit (taken at Big Nick's Ride with the Lieutenant Governor).

