

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 4, 2017

Dear Board of Selectmen Members:

This week's activities of note:

- *REMINDER: On Wednesday August 9th, the Truro Board of Selectmen will host a meeting for part-time resident taxpayers at 5:00 pm at the Truro Community Center. The agenda is available on the Town website and by clicking [here](#).*
- *As noted below, the PanMass Challenge bicyclists will travel through Truro on Sunday August 6th. The Police Chief and DPW Director have been working to insure the safety of the residents/visitors of Truro and the riders for this event. So that Truro can also be best prepared for similar events/ races, DPW Director Cabral has requested clarification from MassDOT regarding their procedures for permitting bicycle events/races and the role the Town has in the permitting process.*
- *Applicants for the Town Planner position were interviewed and scored by a three-person panel on Wednesday, in accordance with the process enacted by Town Manager Palmer. We are grateful to our panel members for the time and thoughtfulness they provided to the process.*
- *A citizen expressed his gratitude for the Department of Public Works after he reported that an "End of Town Beach" sign was missing. He was happy to see a replacement sign was reposted so quickly after it was reported missing.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 7, 2017-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall-6:00pm
- Tuesday, August 8, 2017-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall-5:00pm
- Tuesday, August 8, 2017-Truro Bike and Walkways Committee @ Public Safety Facility-6:00pm
- Wednesday, August 9, 2017-Part-Time Resident Tax Payers Meeting with the Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Community Center-5:00pm
- Thursday, August 10, 2017-Truro Housing Authority @ Truro Town Hall-4:15pm

Department News:

Police Department

- In response to citizen requests and concerns, the Department is conducting high visibility traffic enforcement at various locations in Truro.
- Provincetown and Truro Motor Officers teamed up last weekend to conduct traffic enforcement and community outreach. Four hour patrols were conducted in each town.
- The 38th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge takes place this weekend. On Sunday, August 6th, cyclists will pass through Truro between the hours of 9am to 3pm. The Department has been working with our neighboring departments as well as the PMC Road Coordinator to ensure that cyclists ride the route with the utmost safety and consideration for traffic rules, local residents and motorists. The goal is for cyclists to pass along the route with minimum disruption and inconvenience to the residents and visitors of Truro. The Department will be assisted by the Massachusetts State Police at the intersection of Route 6 and Castle Road. The Cape Cod Regional Law Enforcement Council Motorcycle Unit will also be assisting and monitoring traffic to keep cyclists, motorists and pedestrians safe. PMC was able to donate \$47 million to the Jimmy Fund in 2016. Their goal for 2017 is \$48 million. The money raised this weekend will represent over 50% of all money raised on behalf of the Jimmy Fund this year. The success of this event is critical to the continued efforts of the Jimmy Fund in the war on cancer.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 17 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 16 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 42 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistant and a good intent calls.
- The Fire Department responded as mutual aid to the Town of Wellfleet to provide regional coverage. This request resulted from an MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) at the rotary in Eastham involving a bus.
- With the recent severe weather in other parts of the State over the past week, we urge residents to be prepared in the event of severe weather. Below is a link to the Department of Fire Service's storm safety

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tips to help residents better prepare in the event of a severe weather emergency.

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/dfs/osfm/pubed/flyers/storm-safety.pdf>

Department of Public Works

- In support of the Pan Mass Challenge, the intersection on Route 6 and Castle Road has been swept, as well as the intersection of Rose Road and Collins Road.
- Monitoring of Little Pamet culvert continued this week to insure proper drainage continues at low tide. The DPW has scheduled the Truax Corporation to examine the integrity of the 500' long culvert. This will include jetting (cleaning) the interior of the culvert and recording video.
- 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 trips to Orleans Bowling Center, hiking, and Stone Art Project (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 Rd, 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.

Harbor Master

- Full crew went out to basin float mooring field and moved about (5) floats to insure boats not hitting each other.
- Moved channel markers to mark dredge pipe on the far side of the channel to insure safe passage at extreme low tides.
- Dug exposed mooring blocks in the tidal mooring field and removed old engine block from side of ramp so DPW can dispose.
- Assistance with weekly rental moorings and verification of shellfish licenses continue.

Library

- On August 8th at 10:30 a.m. kids can learn about "Venomous Sea Creatures" and participate in creating their very own sea creature.
- Emily Beebe will be presenting on August 8th at 6:00 p.m. on "Why We Need Beachcombers: Beach cleanups for a purpose".
- On August 10th at 10:30 a.m. the special guest at story time will be Ryan Landry who will read while dressed in drag.
- 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, 180 have been received back. The packet can be found on the Assessors page on the Town website.

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Administration

- Weekly shellfish permitting continues to be brisk with visitors taking advantage of our one-week, \$25.00, shellfish permit.
- Permitting for Truro Treasures and multiple bike treks have been in the forefront this week. We've been contacting Department Heads for approvals to move applications along in a timely fashion.
- We continue to be a resource for residents and renters by answering a wide array of questions and providing solutions to issues.

Attachments

1. Photographs (3) from Recreation Department

