

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

October 27, 2017

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

- The Board of Selectmen's Budget Message and Fiscal Year 2019 budget packets have been distributed to department heads marking the beginning of the FY19 budget process.
- Selectmen, ZBA members, Planning Board members, and staff attended the third session of the Cape Housing Institute which covered zoning and site selection for Affordable Housing.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Saturday, October 28, 2017-Truro Beach Clean Up at Head of the Meadow beach @ 1:00 pm
- Monday, October 30, 2017-Zoning Board of Appeals at Truro Town Hall @ 7:00 pm
- Friday, November 3, 2017-Community Preservation Committee at Truro Town Hall @ 4:15 pm

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The retaining wall project at the Transfer Station is nearing completion with the DPW backfilling this week. In addition, a ramp to the single stream compactor has been prepped for concrete to be poured next week. Both projects have been delayed due to the rainfall, but will be completed next week. All brush throughout the Transfer Station has been cut and all trailers and containers haven been parked in assigned area.
- Online Sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations, as well as over the counter sales at Town Hall.
- The site visit for the Beach Office septic system was held on Wednesday. The bid opening is scheduled for November 3, 2017.
- The Notice to Proceed for East Harbor engineering, design, permitting and construction, has been issued to the Woods Hole Group. Kick-off meeting activities are tentatively scheduled for the third week in November.
- Division of Ecological Restoration has submitted a draft scope of work regarding Eagle Neck Creek. The draft is currently under review by the DPW, Conservation and Town Planner.
- The DPW has scheduled a meeting with Byron Rupp of the Army Core of Engineers regarding an update of the Pamet River Restoration project.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Participating in Provincetown's Green N' Treat Halloween event on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, and the TEEA Hay Ride on October 27, 2017.
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program is open for new registrations for the 2017 – 2018 season.
 - 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.
 - Youth soccer teams continue to practice and play the neighboring town's teams.
 - Online registration for Winter Youth Sports will open next week.
 - Director Clements participated in Procurement Training.
- Beach
 - Truro Beach Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017.
 - The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018, all beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508)487-7548.

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Harbormaster

- Shellfish Warden Jackett, and the Division of Marine Fisheries took a boat ride to gather samples in Pamet Harbor to take to the New Bedford lab for testing. The testing results are good for the shell fish bed opening scheduled for November 5th.
- The harbor was busy over the weekend as many boats launched due to the good weather and good fishing. Some boats continue to pull out for the season.
- Harbor Master Jackett removed a few more floats from the Basin area and some of the mooring in the Tidal mooring field.

Assessing

- FY2018 Real and Property Tax Bills were mailed on October 18, 2017, with a due date of November 17, 2017. Special recognition to Molly Stevens in the Tax Collectors office for her diligence and tenacity working with the vendor on the real estate bills reflecting the updated format.
- The department is continuing the FY18 Residential Exemption implementation and review process. Assessing Department mailed or handed out 833 applications (as well as being available on the Town website). To date, we've received 442 applications. To date, 412 are complete with 30 incomplete, though taxpayers are continually providing the required evidence. Of those complete applications, 330 were processed and reflected on the FY18 Real Estate Tax Bill; 46 have been abated to reflect the exemption; and 4 have been denied. The remaining 32 applications are being prepared for the Board of Assessors review.
- Statutory Exemption and Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00pm.

Council on Aging

- Outreach and Resource Coordinator Cutler met with members of the Truro Police Department, the Truro Fire Rescue Department and Lower Caper Ambulance to review pertinent information concerning elders in our community.
- The Friends of the Council on Aging have funded a new program titled "Loan-A-Phone" which provides a temporary TracFone (a wireless prepaid cell phone) for seniors without a working phone that need to communicate or call for help in an emergency. The Truro Police Department and the Truro COA will each have a phone to loan to our population.
- For current information on the COA's programs and services, please visit our website www.truro-ma.gov/coa. Additional useful and helpful information can be found in the current edition of our newsletter.
- New Medicare cards are coming...
The Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI)
Soon you will receive new Medicare cards with social security numbers omitted to prevent fraud, fight identity theft, and keep taxpayer dollars safe. The transition period will begin April 1, 2018 and run through December 31, 2019. Everyone on Medicare will receive new cards by 2019.

Library

- Artist Regan McCarthy's work will be displayed in the Anne H. Brock Community Room during the month of November. Ms. McCarthy has generously offered the proceeds from any sales during the month to the Friends of the Truro Library.
- On Saturday, November 4th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Truro resident Joyce Matthews will demonstrate how to create a wreath from pine cones. This craft is limited to eight participants and is best suited for ages seven and up.
- Friday, November 17th, is Truro Library Night at Montano's Restaurant. The Friends of the Truro Library will receive a portion of the proceeds from all meals served. Participating is a delicious way to support a great cause.

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Administration

- We are seeing an increase in shell fishing permits as we anticipate the opening of the shell fish beds to be November 5th (pending water and shell fish testing results).
- The office continues to help owners and renters navigate the new plate recognition system for the Transfer Station by registering eligible license plates for owners and renters in the Town of Truro.
- With the fall season firmly upon us, the amount of parking ticket appeals has trickled almost to a stop. When received, we facilitate all documentation to our Parking Magistrate, communicate with the owner of the ticket, and convey the end result to the company who acts as a liaison between the Town and the Department of Motor Vehicles.