

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 31, 2018

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

- At the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, Dr. Greg Skomal provided information about shark activity in Cape waters this summer. It was a most informative presentation which can be seen on the Town's website by clicking the Truro TV button on the left and then searching for the 8/28/18 Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Please continue to follow shark safety tips as published on the Town website, with the weather remaining warm, it is anticipated that the sharks will remain in our waters.
- The Town was awarded a \$90,000 Dredging Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Health and Conservation Agent Emily Beebe was on hand at the ceremony, see attached photo. This grant will help us get more of the dredging work completed this fiscal year.
- The Town and Truro Treasures are hosting an end of season party at Corn Hill Beach on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 PM. Stay tuned for more information.

### ***Upcoming Meetings:***

- State Primary Voting @ Truro Community Center from 7:00am – 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 4, 2018 - Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm
- Wednesday, September 5, 2018 -Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm
- Thursday, September 6, 2018 - Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am

### ***Department News:***

#### Police Department

- Officer Thomas Roda, Officer James Bragdon and Telecommunicator Martha Wheeler were recognized at the August 28, 2018 Select Board meeting for their professionalism and responsiveness during the August 15, 2018 shark bite incident.
- Truro Police Department opened the application period for police officer candidates. The application period will continue through September 28, 2018. Please visit the police department website at <http://www.truropolice.org> for further information.
- Truro Police Department is also seeking applicants for a part-time telecommunicator position. Information about this position can also be found on the police department website.
- In preparation for the Agricultural Fair, the police department has posted a Road and Traffic Advisory on the town's website. Please feel free to contact the police department if you have any questions.

#### Fire Department

- Firefighters Jeff Souza, Robert Westcott and Zach Goldstein were recognized at the August 28, 2018 Select Board meeting for their professionalism and responsiveness during the August 15, 2018 shark bite incident. Firefighter Michael Chute also responded but was not at the meeting on Tuesday.
- Over the past two weeks the Department responded to 28 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 13 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 63 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Firefighter Robert Westcott has completed his orientation period with the Department and has now been assigned to a shift group. Firefighter Patrick Steemson has started his orientation period and will soon too be assigned to a group.
- As summer starts to wind down the Department would like to remind residents and visitors that it is still hurricane season. These massive storms can occur anywhere along the coastal United States and can impact areas as far as 100 miles inland. Truro Fire encourages you to stay informed when it comes to these potentially devastating storms. Below is a link that can provide some helpful tips on how to prepare and deal with a storm, and what to do after an event.  
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

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### 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 and will be closed Tuesday through Friday.
- 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, no shifts have been filled.
- Milling and paving will take place on the following dates:
  - Longnook Road – Milling September 5th, 2018, 7:00am – 4:00pm
  - Collins Road – Milling September 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00am – 4:00pm
  - Depot Road – Paving September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00am – 4:00pm
  - Longnook Road – Paving September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00am – 4:00pm
  - Collins Road – Paving September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00am – 4:00pm
  - \*NOTE-No road closures will be required during milling or paving. The Police Department will staff two officers, one on either end of the road work to assist with traffic flow.
- On September 4th, 2018 Mobi Mats and Life guard stands will be removed from assigned beach locations.
- The Army Corps of Engineers has revealed a four foot rise in dune elevation in the Ballston Beach area. Elevation data collected in June of 2018 has demonstrated the increase in elevation when compared to the elevation in the same area in March of 2016.
- DOT continued work on Highland Road this week. 16 cubic yards of sediment buildup in front of the culvert head wall associated with hindering drainage on Highland Road has been removed. Additional work in the area is scheduled for mid to late September.
- Ag Fair preparation has been completed for this weekend. This year the DPW has included the Community Center stage which can be assembled a safe distance from the resource area.

### Harbor Master

- Very busy week at the Harbor with many transient boat owners renting moorings and floats for the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. Also assigned five new Kayak Racks for the balance of the 2018 season, so Harbor revenue continues into the end of the season.
- There appears to be an increase in recreational boat launches due to Tuna activity in Cape Cod Bay as well as continued Bluefish and Bass recreation fishing. This is especially the case on the weekends when we are at capacity in the parking lot and our new dock expansion continues to help with safe launches and retrievals.
- On 8/29/18 Harbor staff assisted Police Officer Holoway go out on a Harbormaster boat to check on a complaint of a structure being built and inhabited off of Corn Hill Beach. Upon review was it was pallets washed ashore that people had made into a daytime small fort structure, but no one was living on it.
- Harbormaster and staff helped several people with getting boats onto trailers with the Harbormaster boat. People were also with broken down boats on docks that had to use our emergency float overnight. Also the Harbormaster responded to a call on 8-26-18 to a person with an overturned kayak. Once on the scene, the kayak made it to shore safely.
- Yesterday 8/29/18 one of our long-time mooring holders treated the staff and a small group of other mooring holders to a brief violin concert next to the Harbormaster Office in appreciation of an enjoyable season of helpfulness from the welcoming Pamet Harbor Staff, "A little culture at the Harbor" (see photos)

### 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.

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- Recreation-Activities this week
  - Post Season Youth Program was held at the Truro Community Center.
  - Iyengar Yoga with Karin Stephan.
  - Youth Soccer registration has opened. Games will begin for grades 3-6 on Saturday, 9/22/18.
  - Seeking volunteer coaches for youth soccer. Call or email: (508)487-1632 [enunes@truro-ma.gov](mailto:enunes@truro-ma.gov)
  - The Department has made conditional offers to applicants for the Pamet After-School program and they have been accepted. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 4, 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
  - Reminder – Beach Stickers are required to park at Town of Truro beach parking lots between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June through Labor Day whether or not a Gate Attendant is present.
  - Beach Fire Permits may be requested online at [www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office](http://www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office) (\*Note: Beach fire permits for September 5, 2018 or later are issued at the Truro Fire Department.)
  - Corn Hill South ORV corridor by the jetty is closed.
  - Warning – Recent shark sightings at ocean side beaches, practice shark safety.
    - Don't swim where seals are present.
    - Don't swim too far from shore.
    - Avoid swimming early and late in the day (when sharks tend to feed).
    - Swim in groups.
    - Avoid wearing shiny jewelry or other accessories (which look like fish scales to a shark).
    - Avoid surfing alone.
    - Avoid areas with signs of baitfish or fish feeding activity – watch for diving seabirds.
    - Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

### Council on Aging

- Chair Yoga with Christine Frisco begins on Wednesday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the Activities Room at the Truro Council on Aging-This is a one hour, very gentle, yoga class using a stable padded chair for sitting, as well as a prop for standing exercises. Basically we will stretch, strengthen, breathe and balance. We will start each class sitting and we will stretch upper body, back, hips, ankles and feet. We will also strengthen arms, thighs and abdominal muscles. Then we will stand and stretch torso and legs, and work on balance. No experience is necessary, but if you are unsure about your physical condition, please do consult with your doctor before attending the class. Please also feel free to call me with any questions about the class: my cell: 508-221-8427. Wear comfortable loose clothing.
- FY19 Title IIIB Transportation Grant-The Elder Services Cape Cod and the Islands Board of Directors voted to award the Truro Council on Aging an FY19 Title IIIB award in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the transportation program.
- Photographer David Wennerberg-The Truro COA Art Gallery is featuring Photographer David Wennerberg for the month of September. The Art Gallery is open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Library

- Over 100 children kept reading logs over the summer.
- During the month of September, the paintings of Matthias Christensen will be displayed in the Anne H. Brock Community Room. His opening reception is on Saturday, September 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- The library has acquired the new Hogwart's Lego kit. The construction will take place over the course of 7 to 9 Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.
- As CLAMS Past-President, Tricia Ford will remain on the Board for Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing.
- Mindfulness group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Library.

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## Attachments

Dredging 2018 Pilot Program Photograph



*A little culture at the Harbor*

