

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

February 16, 2018

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

- *Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday February 19th for President's Day.*
- The Friends of the Truro Library invited me to join them for my fourth "State of the Town". I am grateful to the Friends for the opportunity to talk with community members about the financial status of the Town, to update the environmental projects we are working on and to have a conversation with those that attend. The number of participants and the thoughtful questions underscore that we have a small, vibrant year round community.
- On Monday February 12, the final Budget Task Force meeting was held to review Administration, Finance and other budgets. The FY19 Omnibus Budget will be presented at the February 27th Selectmen's meeting.
- Town Planner Cally Harper submitted a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Compact IT grant on behalf of the Towns of Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham for the purchase of mapping and permitting software.
- Office Assistant and Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Susan Kelly retired after working for the Town since 1986. We wish her the best in her retirement.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sunday, February 18, 2018-Truro Housing Authority Site Visit @ Intersection of Rte. 6 and Highland Road at 12:00 pm.
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00 am.
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018-Board of Selectmen Work Session @ Public Safety Facility at 5:00 pm.
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018-Finance Committee @ Public Safety Facility at 5:00 pm.
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018-Truro Housing Authority @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00 pm.
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- Thursday, February 22, 2018-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 6 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 1 call that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) period has closed and the Fire Chief has submitted both vehicle and equipment grants for the Department.
- Chief Collins has completed the master training schedule for the Department for the upcoming year (2018). He is also working in conjunction with the staff at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) on the town's emergency management plan.
- Chief Collins has also been working with various Department Heads and Town Manager Palmer in implementing the Town's new Emergency and Public Safety Announcement (PSA) notification system. *Please stay tuned for information on how to register for alerts.*

Police Department

- A reminder that the department has a prescription drug kiosk in the lobby. Residents can drop off their unwanted prescription drugs 24 hours a day 7 days a week. All prescription drugs collected by the department are transferred to the custody of the DEA for proper disposal so that they don't end up in our ground water supply or fall into the wrong hands.
- Free Gun Locks! Stop by the department anytime to pick up a free gun lock. Just ask dispatch. Remember, an unlocked gun is an accident waiting to happen. For more information on child safety and responsible ownership, visit projectchildsafe.org which is a nationwide program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice Grant.

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Department of Public Works

- As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day.
- The monitoring well, related to the commercial scale site location has been installed.
- The annual solid waste and recycling report and survey has been submitted to DEP. Solid waste has decreased a total of 73 tons so far this fiscal year, and single stream recycling has increased a total of 61 tons.
- For information regarding the Outer Cape Solarize program please visit the Town website for details. To be eligible for the program you must have completed an energy audit with Cape Light Compact within the past five years.
- Hazardous waste collection days for 2018 are as follows: June 2, 2018 in Wellfleet, August 4, 2018 in Truro, and October 6, 2018 in Provincetown. All drop-off locations are assigned to the municipal Transfer Stations. For any further information regarding Hazardous Waste Collection day please visit the Public Works/Transfer station web page.

Harbor Master

- Harbormaster Jackett attended the Cape and Islands Harbormaster's Association meeting. Cape Cod Commission Representatives spoke to the committee about how they could help plan future scheduling for dredging and help streamlining the time of year restrictions.
- After securing a waiver to dredge the inlet, officials began dredging this week and are expected to work the harbor into the approach area for another week.
- The dock expansion project is about ready to begin the building phase of the docks.
- Approximately 30 people arrived at Pamet Harbor on a rainy Sunday afternoon to harvest shellfish.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program: M – F 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
 - Youth basketball practices.
 - Youth cheerleading practices.
 - 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.
 - Over 40 Coed Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
- Activities this week
 - Director Clements attended a meeting with the Massachusetts Recreation & Park Association to plan for the State Conference and Trade Show.
 - Preparing for the February Vacation Youth Program to be held Tuesday, 2/20 – Friday 2/23.
 - Planning for Youth Spring Sports.
- Beach
 - 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.

Library

- The Winter Music Series continues on Saturday, February 17th with a performance by Michael Holt, a one-man variety show of mixed genre. The final performance of the series is February 24th with a performance by Daddy-O, a 1950s classic-rock band.
- Our stuffed animal sleepover was fun for the 20+ stuffed animal dropped off by Truro children.

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Enclosed are a few photos of the hijinks that ensued. Although the stuffies made new friends and had a lot of fun, they were happy to be reunited with their child the next morning.

Administration

- The Board of Selectmen has approved to keep the Seasonal Rental Registration Application fee the same as last year's, which is \$200.00. The Administration Office will be sending out email blasts to owners with the 2018 application soon.

Attachments

