

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

March 23, 2018

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

- On Sunday, I attended the Annual Senior Dinner at the Public Safety Facility. Thank you to the members of the Police and Fire departments as well as the many volunteers who helped organize this delightful community tradition.
- I met with Eastham Town Administrator Jacqui Beebe to discuss shared challenges and potential areas for collaboration.
- Assistant Town Manager Clark was delighted to be invited to read to the Pre-School class at Truro Central School. The children helped read along to and provide the animal noises for "Old MacDonald had a Farm."
- The Police Chief Search Committee met in Executive Session on Thursday to review applications. The Committee is comprised of two members of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Police Department, four members of the public, and me.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 27, 2018-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – Finance Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018 – Police Chief Search Committee, Executive Session @ Truro COA at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 31, 2018-Truro Historical Commission Site Visit @ 5 Atwood Road at 9:30 am.
- Saturday, March 31, 2018-Truro Historical Commission @ Truro Public Library at 10:30 am.

Department News:

Police Department

- On Sunday, March 18th, 67 seniors joined us at the Public Safety Facility for our 26th Annual Senior Dinner. Participants dined on a three course meal prepared by members of the Police & Fire Associations. Raffle prizes were awarded after dinner and everyone went home with a prize.
- Reminder – "Light It Up Blue" - Each April 2nd, Autism Speaks celebrates the start of its signature campaign, Light it Up Blue, along with the international autism community in recognition of UN-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day and World Autism Month throughout April. Anyone in Truro who would like a set of blue lights to put up, they are free and available in the lobby of the Public Safety Facility for pick up. For more information visit www.autismspeaks.org.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 7 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 28 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls. This increased call volume was a result of recent storm activity.
- The Department, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), is preparing to conduct a regional training program with both Provincetown and Wellfleet. The exercise is designed to simulate a potential fuel spill in the Pamet Harbor and is designed to prepare first responders to deal with the initial phase of this type of incident. Participating agencies include; Mass DEP, Truro Fire & Police, Wellfleet and Provincetown Fire Departments, Truro, Wellfleet and Provincetown Harbormasters, the United States Coast Guard and the National Park Service. This drill will take place on 18 April at the Pamet Harbor.
- Over the next few weeks our new hires will begin their orientation to the Department and the Town and after completion of their orientation phase they will be placed into the rotational schedule. We look forward to these individuals joining our team.
- Firefighter Souza is nearing the completion of the Career Recruit Program and will be graduating on 30 March just in time for Firefighter Ferguson to start the program. This program provides our firefighters with the basic skills and gives our staff the foundation for a career as professional firefighters and to help meet the demands of the modern day fire service.

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Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.
- Ballston Beach parking lot cleanup has been completed. The parking lot will remain closed until further notice.
- The foundation for the commercial hauler scale has been completed and backfilled. Scale assembly will begin Monday. The traffic pattern will temporarily be changed while under construction. Due to the extreme weather conditions over the past several weeks, the completion date has been pushed back to April 16, 2018.
- DPW Director Cabral has scheduled a meeting for next Monday at 10:00 am with representatives from the National Park Service and Mark Borelli from the Center for Coastal studies. The meeting will include a site visit at Ballston Beach, followed by a discussion regarding both the Pamet River and Ballston Beach.
- The Transfer Station Single Stream compactor has been moved away from the concrete retaining wall. The DPW is preparing for the installation of a concrete platform that will provide a way for the commercial haulers to "tip" recyclable material.
- Longnook Beach will remain closed. DPW Director Cabral, Health & Conservation Agent Beebe, and Beach & Recreation Director Clements have discussed, and immediately addressed, safety concerns due to erosion.
- Next week, as the snow melts, we hope to complete our drone flight from Ballston Beach over the Pamet River to the Harbor. We look forward to collecting, and sharing, the data with our stakeholders.

Harbor Master

- Harbor Master Jackett launched the boat and took water samples with the Division of Marine Fisheries on a very windy day.
- Town received documentation indicating the waterways application for the dock extension is being reviewed by the DEP and is now in the 30-day public comment period.
- Shellfish activity over the weekend was met with strong winds and very cold temperatures.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
 - 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 and Assistant Director Nunes attended a meeting of the Lower Cape Recreational League to plan and prepare for Spring Youth Sports.
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended meeting with the Truro Recreation Commission.
 - Planning for April Vacation program.
 - Planning for Summer Rec Youth program.
- 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.

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- Activities this week
 - Director Clements met with DPW Director to discuss the current issues at Longnook Beach and Ballston Beach.

Council on Aging

- Legislative Update- Director Travers attended a Legislative Update hosted by Senator Julian Cyr and Representative Sarah Peake touching on topics such as affordable housing, transportation, and future elder needs.
- Senior of the Year- Patricia Canavari was selected as the Senior Citizen of the Year for 2017 by the Council on Aging Board members.
- Lunch at the Hidden Cove-March 28, 2018- While waiting for spring to arrive; come have lunch at the Hidden Cove Restaurant! The Hidden Cove Restaurant at Cape Cod Tech offers a daily a la carte menu with soups and salads along with a variety of entrees, sandwiches, and desserts at very low prices. In addition, the pastry and bakery kitchen also provides delicious desserts to enjoy with your meal, or you can visit our bakery case and take some of these delightful treats home with you. The food is prepared and served by the students in the culinary program at the school. The van will leave the COA at approximately 10:30 and return by 2:00. Lunch cost is the responsibility of the diner but runs about \$10-\$15 depending on what is ordered. Suggested donation for transportation is \$3.00. To reserve your spot call the COA by March 23rd. Reservations taken on a first-come, first-served basis. No way to get to the COA? No problem! We can pick you up along the way-just let us know when making your reservation.

Library

- A Heartsaver Course with Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps will be offered on Saturday, March 24th from 9:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. and the class is almost full.
- Medicinal Herbs for Your Health & Healing with Community Herbalist, Sarah Naciri, is being offered on Saturday, March 24th from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Truro Library Book Group is currently reading *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. The discussion will be held on Wednesday, March 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the library. All are welcome.
- Truro Central School students will be visiting the library on Friday, March 30th and the Friends of the Truro Library will be sponsoring a workshop for the students with Abbey Koutnik, who is a mime and has been performing for over 24 years.

Administration

- With the approval of the Harbor Waterway User fees, the mooring/rack permit applications have been amended to show the new cost. Mailings for mooring holders will be going out soon.
- Executive Assistant Tudor has been hard at work finishing up the Annual Town Report to send to the printers.

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Attachments

Shellfishing this past weekend

