

# **Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report**

**May 4, 2018**

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

- Staff and I worked with the Housing Authority's Housing Specialist to complete an application for designation as a Housing Choice Community from the Commonwealth. If approved, the Town will be eligible to compete for \$500,000 in Capital funding.
- The Building Commissioner, Health and Conservation Agent and Town Planner are developing the process for condominium conversion to year round occupancy. The final plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.
- The Board of Selectmen interviewed the final four candidates for Chief of Police at a public meeting on Wednesday. The video is available on the Town website. The Board voted to begin contract negotiations with Captain Jamie Calise of the Warwick, RI Police Department.
- The Town Election is Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Community Center. Please come out and vote.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Monday, May 7, 2018-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, May 8, 2018-Annual Town Election @ Truro Community Center from 7:00am-8:00pm.
- Tuesday, May 8, 2018-Council on Aging @ Truro COA at 10:00am.
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018-Planning Board Site Visit @ 6, 8, 10 Hatch Rd at 12:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018-Planning Board Site Visit @ 706 Shore Rd at 1:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018-Truro Recreation Commission @ Truro Community Center at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, May 10, 2018-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CC National Seashore Marconi Site at 9:30am.
- Thursday, May 10, 2018-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Friday, May 11, 2018-Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15pm.

## **Department News:**

### 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.
- The Transfer Station scale is now fully operational. All commercial entities are required to weigh solid waste and recyclables.
- Annual Transfer Station permits are on sale. Permits may be purchased on-line through the Town website, or over the counter at Town Hall.
- DPW Bid opportunities for roadway paving and maintenance, and the supply and delivery of a conventional dump trailer have been posted on the Town website.
- Volunteer beach clean-up is scheduled for June 2, 2018. Clean-up will begin at Corn Hill Beach at 10:00am.
- Solid waste tonnage has decreased for the eight consecutive month for this physical year, while recycling steadily increases.

### Harbor Master

- Shellfish Warden Jackett met with the environmental police and officials from division of marine fisheries as well as other Cape shellfish constables and discussed topics pertaining to shellfish.
- Shellfish Warden made arrangements for Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, to do shell bagging at the Dennis DPW where he will be working with some of the other towns and members of Americorps in preparation for a remote set of oysters to go into Pamet Harbor later this spring.

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### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
  - Community Volleyball – Sunday, 3:30 – 6:00 pm. Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
  - The Pamet After-School program: M – F from 3:00 – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
  - Community Pickleball – Saturdays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
  - Zumba Fitness – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center.
  - Over 40 Coed Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
- Activities this week
  - Planning for Summer Rec Youth Program.
  - Director Clements attends Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association Executive Board meeting.
- 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.
- Activities this week
  - Online sales of beach stickers started on May 1, 2018.

### Library

- The art exhibit for the month of May is "Properties of Green" and is comprised of a variety of local and local-ish artists. The reception will be Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the library.
- Kids' Garden Group will meet on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. at the library.
- On May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Center, the Friends of the Truro Library bring us "History At Play", a one-woman play about the life of Deborah Sampson, the first woman to fight in the American Revolution.

### Council on Aging

- Addiction Strategies Workshop
  - The Outreach Coordinator attended the "Effective Treatment Strategies for Addicted Older Adults and their Families and Caregivers" to better understand detecting addiction in older adults. Elders have the highest rate of alcoholism in the state and addiction in older adults can be difficult to detect, as warning signs mimic insomnia, forgetfulness and other common age-related health issues, according to the Massachusetts Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.
- Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry in Truro-March
  - Total # of food orders were 43
  - Total # of clients (March) were 94
  - Total # of volunteer hours this month 145
- Fire Drill at the Community Center
  - Chief Collins conducted our biannual fire drill on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the request of the Council on Aging Director. Preparation is key to effective response to workplace fires. Fire drills help prepare employees and clients to respond quickly, calmly, and safely.

### Health and Conservation

- The Board of Health met May 1, 2018 to consider a proposal to ban the sale of tobacco in the Town. The Board decided not to proceed with the ban, however on April 17<sup>th</sup> they voted to raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21.
- The Outer Cape Health and Conservation Agents sponsored a panel discussion with County and State officials about responsible pesticide use.

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- The Truro Health Department will be sponsoring “send a tick to college” to provide analysis of ticks and relevant exposure information. This enables any Truro resident that has been bitten by a tick to send the tick to UMASS for analysis at no charge.
- Health and Conservation Agent Beebe met with Audubon representatives to review the protocols for shorebird monitoring to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program. The season is underway with the first nest established at Corn Hill Beach north of the north jetty. A second pair there will likely nest over the weekend. Prospective pairs have also been seen at Ballston Beach and at the south jetty north of Fisher beach, though no other nests identified to date. The Health and Conservation Department is looking for avenues to communicate proactively with residents who walk these areas to help out during these short nesting windows.
- Health and Conservation Agent Beebe and Assistant Health and Conservation Agent Davis have been sorting through the beach permitting process for 2018 and developing an email list to expedite communications with our numerous semi-public beach operators. We have started to issue the beach permits for this season.

### Administration

- Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, Transfer Station access can be purchased for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) through our office. Beach stickers are not available through our office, but can be purchased online by going to the Beach Department web page.
- Rental Registration Applications continue to be mailed in. To date we have processed 189 applications for owners who rent their home for 120 days or less. Registering your home enables your guests to apply for a beach sticker to visit all of Truro's beaches during their stay.
- Our office has been working with Sustainable Cape to permit their use of Veteran's Park for their upcoming Farmers Market (Mondays, June 4<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>).