

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

October 26, 2018

Announcements:

- A Special Town Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 6 PM at Truro Central School. Childcare and transportation will be available. Please come to hear about and vote on matters that affect the Town.

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

- Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Jay Ash, visited the Pamet Harbor on Monday morning to get an update on how the Town will use the \$90,000 dredging grant awarded by the Commonwealth. Chairman Robert Weinstein, Selectperson Kristen Reed and Harbor Commissioner Rich Wood attended along with staff.
- Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark, Recreation and Beach Director Damion Clements, Fire Chief Tim Collins and I attended a meeting at the CCNS with our counterparts from the six Towns in the CCNS to continue reviewing and planning for emergency response at ocean beaches. In advance of next season, our collaborative efforts are focused on installing emergency call boxes at all 28 beaches in the CCNS; we have four in Truro, and improving emergency response equipment and procedures.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, October 29, 2018-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, October 30, 2018-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Friday, November 2, 2018-Open Space Meeting @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The Swap Shop is scheduled to be closed for removal and replacement beginning, October 30, 2018. Replacement will include remediation work required by DEP. The Transfer Station will be closed Wednesday and Thursday beginning November 1, 2018.
- Seasonal brush cutting continued this week along Town roads, and will continue through the month of November.
- The DPW Director and Conservation Agent held a kick-off meeting this week with the Woods Hole Group regarding the Little Pamet Culvert and watershed area. The focus moving forward will be to model the appropriate size culvert, restoration alternatives, and drainage for the watershed area.
- The DPW Feasibility Study begins next Wednesday with a project kick-off meeting and Staff interviews.

Harbor Master

- Shellfish samples that were collected in shellfish areas and tested for harvest at the State lab were approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries. The November 4th opening day of the Pamet Harbor Shellfish Beds is dependent on water quality approval and lab results expected this Friday.
- The Harbor Master finished seeding shellfish areas with oysters, soft shell clams and quahog seed.
- The Harbor Master began pulling moorings from the harbor as well as the basin floats.
- The Harbor Master assisted some of the boats scheduled for haul-outs that were challenged with very windy conditions.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Adult Indoor Soccer – Thursdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School
 - Zumba Fitness – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center.
 - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.

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- Youth Soccer Practices
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Youth Soccer games
 - Preparing for Greet n' Treat Halloween event in Provincetown
 - Pamet After-School celebrated Unity Day to show support for students who have been bullied.
- Beach
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attend Shark Working Group.
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed. Beach stickers are not required to park at town-owned beach parking lots.
 - To report a shark sighting please call the Truro Police Department at (508)487-8730.
 - To purchase ORV stickers visit the Licensing Desk at Town Hall, located at 24 Town Hall Road.
 - For inquiries about the beaches please call (508)487-1632.
 - Beach fire permits for September 5, 2018 or later are issued at the Truro Fire Department.
- *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

- **Lower Cape Outreach Council Truro Food Pantry-September Totals**

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| Total # of orders=54 | Total # of Households=38 |
| Total # of adults (18-64)=66 | Total # of children (under 18)=26 |
| Total # of seniors (65 & over)=14 | Total # of clients for Sept.=106 |
| Total # of food bags=230 | Total Volunteer hours=145 |
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY-** If the Truro Central School is closed, the Truro COA activities and programs (including transportation) are CANCELLED. However, the COA building will remain open, and the COA staff will report unless town offices are closed.

Library

- The Children's Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, October 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There will be an animal program, followed by a spooky party of frights, games, crafts, and treats.
- We have new digital/technological tools to offer Truro Library patrons. All you need is your Truro Library card. From the library website, www.trurolibrary.org, click on *Reference & Services* and then *Digital Resources* and pick one of the following "cool tools".
 - A. **Lynda.com** is a 24-hour "tutor". Explore over 2,400 instructional videos on the latest tools and skills in business, digital media, design, and development.
 - B. **Oxford English Dictionary:** Attention logophiles (word lovers) you can now access the accepted authority on the English language in seconds with your Truro Library card.
 - C. **Virtual Magazines:** Download the **Zinio** app to access 50 full-text magazines, including *Bloomberg*, *Rolling Stone*, *Us*, *Kiplinger*, and many more.
 - D. **AND Flipster** accesses six additional full-text magazines: *The New Yorker*, *New York Review of Books*, *Esquire*, *Harvard Health Letter*, *The Atlantic*, and *Southern Living*.

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Administration

- Shell fishing permits for the new season are now on sale; Resident-annual is \$15.00, Non Resident-annual is \$100.00, Resident 62 and over is no charge, and a One Week permit is \$25.00. These permits will be effective starting November 1, 2018.

Attachments

1. Informative Coastal Flood Definitions

Coastal Flooding Definitions

We've all heard the terms: **Minor**, **Moderate** and **Major** coastal flooding, but what does that mean?



Minor Coastal Flooding ...

Minor flooding of near shore roads, but most roads remain open and passable. A few very vulnerable basements and shore roads will see some flooding but the water depth is shallow.

Coastal Flood Advisories are issued.



Moderate Coastal Flooding ...

Flooding of near shore roads, many are closed around high tide. Many vulnerable basements are flooded. Water may be 1-3 feet deep. Some damage of structures such as decks, porches, or weakened sea walls.

Coastal Flood Watches or Warnings are issued.



Major Coastal Flooding ...

Significant flooding of many shore roads & basements, more than 3 feet deep. Many roads impassable and may be washed out, isolating some neighborhoods. Structural damage to homes and sea walls likely. Evacuations may be necessary! There is a significant threat to life and property.

Coastal Flood Watches or Warnings are issued.



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