

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

October 5, 2018

Announcements:

- Please practice shark safety and please watch for strong waves and currents.
- The Swap Shop is scheduled to be closed for removal and replacement beginning, October 30, 2018. Replacement will include remediation work required by DEP.
- Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 to observe Columbus Day.
- A Special Town Meeting will be held on November 13, 2018 at Truro Central School at 6 PM.

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

- We hosted a demonstration by a manufacturer of emergency call boxes for installation at ocean beaches. CCNS Superintendent Brian Carlstrom and David Panagore, Provincetown Town Manager also attended. The lack of internet and cellular service will affect our ability to implement this strategy. We will continue to explore alternatives.
- Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark attended a meeting at Lower Cape TV to discuss a regional approach to renegotiating the Town's contract with Comcast.
- The Emergency Management Team is continuing work on a neighborhood response plan involving community members. We will be providing more information about an upcoming outreach program to recruit Neighborhood Captains and develop a plan for responding to a major weather or disaster event, which we hope we will never need to use. For more information on Neighborhood Captains or if you would like to volunteer, please [sign up here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, October 9, 2018-Part-Time Resident Advisory Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 9:00am.
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018-Truro Council on Aging Board @ Truro Council on Aging at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, October 10, 2018-Herring River Restoration Committee @ Cape Cod National Seashore Headquarters at 9:30am.
- Wednesday, October 10, 2018-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Thursday, October 11, 2018-Recycling Committee @Truro Town Hall at 10:30am
- Thursday, October 11, 2018-Housing Authority @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15pm
- Thursday, October 11, 2018-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, October 11, 2018-Herring River Stakeholder Group @ Wellfleet Council on Aging at 5:30pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Truro Police Department would like to recognize and thank Dispatch Supervisor Heidi Dyer for her work that led to the department receiving awards of separate State 9-1-1 grants. These grants provide funding for dispatch support and emergency medical dispatch training. These funds also help cover required continuing education costs and EMD training expenses for our telecommunicators.
- Dispatch Supervisor Heidi Dyer also received a letter of compliance from State 9-1-1. All of Truro Police Department's telecommunicators have successfully completed their annual certification for FY2018 and are up to date with continuing education requirements.
- The application period for police officer candidates has closed. The next step will be a written examination scheduled for October 20, 2018.
- Thank you to all of our community members who took part in "Coffee with Cops" at Savory & the Sweet Escape on October 3rd. A very special thank you to our friends at Savory for sponsoring this wonderful event.

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Fire Department

- The Department responded to 14 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 11 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 28 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Department responded to a report of a missing swimmer on Saturday. The individual was not swimming but walking on the beach when he was struck by a wave and carried into the ocean. Multiple agencies were deployed for a search and rescue operation. Unfortunately they were unable to locate the individual. His body was recovered the following day approximately 1 mile North of Ballston Beach. Members of the Truro Fire Department extend their condolences to the family during this difficult time.
- The Department continues to train on a company level focusing on basic firefighter tactics and skills. We recently conducted training on rural water supply using multiple water tanks to supply water for firefighting operations. (see photo)
- FF's Anderson, Ferguson and Souza are halfway through their Fire Instructor 1 program at the Barnstable County Fire Academy.

Department of Public Works

- 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.
- 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 Little Pamet tide gate was replaced this week; in addition the upstream end of the same culvert was repaired. The new tide gate will provide an increase in drainage to the watershed area.
- DOT completed the cleaning of the drainage system on Highland Road this Monday; DOT also continued the survey of the same area.
- Seasonal beach break down continued this week, warning signs regarding shark activity will be left up at all beach locations. Bike racks, and shade structures will be removed next week.
- The Town and the Woods Hole Group have scheduled a kick-off meeting regarding the Little Pamet Watershed area. The primary concern being culvert sizing, and flow control alternatives to allow for better drainage over the lifetime of the area and potential new structure.
- In collaboration with the Center for Coastal Studies, Harbor Master Tony Jacket, and DPW staff, the Pamet Harbor tide staff was installed today to monitor significant storm surge events. The height of the tide staff was based on the Pamet Harbor Tidal datums, and tidal profile, along with the storm of record storm surge plus three feet. The top of the tide staff represents the storm of record plus three feet. Pamet Harbor is now only the second harbor in Barnstable County to have a tide staff installed to measure storm events.

Harbor Master

- The Harbor was busy with many boats launching to fish for tuna and hauling out for the season.
- The Harbor Master spent the week preparing shellfish nets and setting shellfish seed into shellfish areas.
- The Harbor Master worked with DPW setting up a tide gauge attached to the main dock.

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.
 - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - Youth Soccer

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- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Youth soccer games
 - Recreation Director attends meeting on Neighborhood Preparedness.
- Beach
 - Department attended meeting of the Shark Working Group.
 - Recreation Director attended presentation by Talkaphone, to determine feasibility of call boxes at beaches.
 - All Oceanside beaches have been open to swimming.
 - 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.*

Library

- On Wednesday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m., Truro resident Dan Sanders will give a talk on the adventures of Truro's first "summer person", Martin Pring. Pring and his crew landed in Truro in 1603. Sanders will be bringing a model of Pring's ship, *Speedwell*, and some native artifacts from that time period.
- The Truro Children's Playgroup will begin their Monday meetings on October 15th.
- During the month of October, the Outer Cape White Line printmakers will be displaying their works in the Anne H. Brock Community Room at the Truro Public Library. White line printing was developed in the early 20th century by a group of artists working in Provincetown. It is also known as the "Provincetown Print."

Council on Aging

- **Open House**-Thank you to all that attended the Open House on Friday. We had over 75 people attend and issued 28 new MySeniorCenter scan cards!
- **The Fuel Assistance Program**-Truro residents can call the Truro Council on Aging at 508-413-9508 to schedule an appointment with the Outreach and Resource Coordinator to discuss or sign up for fuel assistance. In 2018, 35 households were served and \$36,719.72 dollars expended by the town.
- **Seasonal Flu Clinic Monday, October 15th from 1pm to 3:30pm at the Truro Community Center.** The clinic is open to all town residents, employees, and uninsured and/or underinsured. *Please bring a photo I.D. and Insurance cards. For further information about the flu clinic, please contact the Truro Health Department at 508-349-7004, ext. 119 or email: ebeebe@truro-ma.gov .

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Attachments

Training on rural water supply



Little Pamet -Corn Hill Road

Repairs



Repairs on Coupling



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Tide Gate Replacement



Tide Staff-2nd one in Barnstable County-Pamet Harbor



Oyster seed going into a shellfish bag

