

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 7, 2019

Announcements:

- Please save the date of June 27, 2019 for the Walsh Property Community Forum at 6:00 pm at the Truro Community Center. The Forum is the start of the community process to develop a plan for the use of the property and for an initial community conversation on the “wishes and worries” for the property’s use.
- Join our team! Multiple Town of Truro employment opportunities are [available here](#).

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

- *We are seeking public input for the Town's Accessibility survey as part of the revision of Truro's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Please provide your input about the accessibility of Town of Truro programs, services, facilities and parks by [clicking here](#).*
- *Assistant Town Manager Clark and I attended a meeting with other Cape community representatives, State Senator Cyr and new Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy regarding municipal dredging as it relates to economic development.*
- *End of fiscal year/ summer preparations continue to keep my office and many of the other Town departments busy.*
- *The Truro Beach Office opens this weekend and beach stickers are needed beginning on Saturday June 15th. The Beach Office is open 7 days a week from 8 am to 4 pm.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- June 11, 2019-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 10 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 8 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 20 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- Please keep in mind that as we get closer to the summer season, although the air temperatures are warming up, water temperatures are still very cold. Use caution during water activities.
- June is National Safety Month and is designed to bring awareness to reducing the risk of injuries. Below is a link that can provide helpful tips on keeping you safe and recognizing potential hazards.
<https://healthfinder.gov/NHO/JuneToolkit2.aspx>

Department of Public Works

- Beginning July 1, 2019 commercial yard waste will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station. Residential homeowners can continue to deposit yard waste for free.
- Volunteer Beach clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 9:00am at Corn Hill Beach.
- The East Harbor culvert is moving along. Two additional culvert sections have been installed, and the removal of the staging has started. Over the next two weeks a significant amount of construction material will be removed along with the crane. We will have one concrete pour to complete, followed by dune restoration, and installation of the new stairway.
- The new lifeguard stand at Head of the Meadow Beach is scheduled to be installed next Friday. Seasonal beach set-up has also been completed. All beach locations will be reviewed for discrepancies regarding signage, bike rack locations, etc. with DPW Director Cabral and Beach and Rec Director Clements.
- Evacuation carts have been delivered to all ocean side beach locations and stored in the sheds. An additional cart will be located at Corn Hill beach.

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Health and Conservation

- As properties open up and residents return to town, our office receives many inquiries about projects that have happened over the winter; we see a sharp uptick in requests for permit lookups, requests for water test kits, and permit requests to repair the winter damage (this year especially, for the folks on Beach Point). This is also a busy time for real estate listings as indicated by an increase in septic inspection reports. In 2019 we have reviewed 42 inspection reports to date, up from 28 at this time in 2018.
- On June 3 the Conservation Commission met and reviewed 3 Notices of Intent and 8 administrative reviews; of these 11 permits, all 3 Notices and 5 of the admin. Reviews were located on Beach Point.
- On June 4 the Conservation Commission met with the Select Board to review the proposed revisions to the Conservation Commission regulations. The amended regulations are scheduled for a public hearing on July 1, 2019.
- On June 4 the Board of Health met for their regular meeting; it included public hearings to consider 4 commercial and residential projects with variances to title 5. They also approved and issued 5 new annual farmers market permits for the 2019 market (*which opens Monday June 10!*). The Board meets with and interviews all new Farmers market vendors; renewal permits are processed through the Health & Conservation Office.
- June 4 marked the beginning of the 2019 bathing beach water quality sampling program. Our public and semi-public beaches are sampled at least monthly by staff from the Barnstable County Health Department. The water samples are analyzed for the presence of the indicator organism *Enterococci*. If the quantity of the indicator organism exceeds the allowable threshold, the area will immediately be re-sampled; upon a second exceedance, the area will be closed to swimming until another re-test can be performed; once the re-test is clean, the area is cleared to be re-opened. All water test results/beach closures are reported to the State Department of Public Health.
- June 7 marks the end of the public comment period for the MVP draft report which was prepared by the Cape Cod Commission on behalf of Wellfleet and Truro. This concludes the process, following our listening session held last week at the Truro Library. The draft report is available through the Truro Website under MVP (*MVP=Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness planning process). The final report will be submitted by 6/30/19 to EOEA and will lead to designation of each town as an MVP community, and thus eligible to pursue MVP action grants.
- Staff continues to perform annual and seasonal inspections for food service and accommodations, as well as septic inspections, pre-construction meetings for Conservation permits and walk-throughs for bedroom count upon request.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- In preparation for the upcoming season, Harbormaster Jackett repaired floats in need of new chain and shackles on the corner brackets and deployed more in the basin and completed spring maintenance on the town boat.
- There has been a steady flow of boats going in for the season as many people elected to opt for the seasonal launch application.
- There were several people clamming off Corn Hill over the weekend and the stocks are promising for the summer.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Reviewing seasonal job applications, scheduling and performing interviews.
 - Creating Summer Rec program in new software.
 - Assistant Director Nunes attended meeting for Food 4 Kids.
 - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesday evenings at the Truro Community Center.

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- Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.
- Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
- Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
- Beach
 - Beach Office opens Saturday, June 8th. ORV stickers are will also be available at the Beach Office. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots until the 3rd Saturday in June.
 - Reviewing seasonal job applications, scheduling and performing interviews.
 - Online sales of beach stickers opened on May 1, 2019. Stickers continue to be sold and mailed to customers.
 - Employee Beach Sticker Day – June 5, 2019.
 - Working with DPW to prepare beaches for 2019 season.
 - To report a shark sighting please call the Truro Police Department at (508) 487-8730.
 - 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, practice shark safety.
 - Don't swim where seals are present.
 - Don't swim too far from shore.
 - 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 Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m., local naturalist Tor Hansen will explore biological diversity in both the thriving and the declining shoreline populations.
- On Wednesday, June 12th at noon, the Friends of the Truro Library will hold their Annual Luncheon. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish if you would like, but it is not required.
- On Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m., the Aldrich Astronomical Society will present the library with a telescope. Representatives will be training the staff in the afternoon and will train members of the public in the evening.

Council on Aging

- Senior Municipal Work Program
 - The department is processing job requests from departments and placing applicants.
 - Application deadline: June 4, 2019
- Ongoing Activities
 - Transportation
 - Chi Kung
 - Strength Training
 - Pen & Ink Workshop
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Food Care Clinic
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Chair Yoga
 - Community lunch
- A new Bereavement Support Group will be meeting every second and fourth Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 pm at the Truro Council on Aging. This group is facilitated by Nancy Higgins, LICSW of VNA Hospice of Cape Cod and is free and open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Please contact Nancy Higgins at (508)957-7715 for more information and to register.

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Attachments:

Photos of final culvert section being installed

