

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 29, 2018

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

- *Building Commissioner Russell Braun retired today. His knowledge and experience will be missed and we wish him well!*
- *We welcomed Police Chief Jamie Calise to his new post with a swearing in ceremony and a community reception last night. It was wonderful to have so many community members attend.*
- *I met with Town Managers and Administrators from Eastham, Wellfleet and Provincetown to discuss opportunities for collaboration and we agreed to propose a four town inter-municipal agreement to our respective Select Boards, similar to the agreement signed with Provincetown.*
- *Please have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day next week.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, July 2nd, 2018 – Part-Time Resident Advisory Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am.
- Monday, July 2nd, 2018 – Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Wednesday, July 4, 2018-Town Offices with the exception of the Beach Office at 36 Shore Rd will be closed.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 10 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 6 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 24 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Fire Fighter Robert Wescott graduated from the Call/Volunteer Training Program in Fall River on the 26th of June after successfully completing the 240 Hour Program. There were 35 graduates from 15 Fire Departments. <https://www.mass.gov/news/callvolunteer-recruit-firefighter-class-70-graduation>
- The written exam for the hiring process has been completed and the next phase will be oral interviews.
- The Truro Fire Department, along with the Truro Police Department and Truro Beach Lifeguards, responded to a water rescue incident at Coast Guard beach where a woman and young child were caught in a rip current and carried out and away from the beach and were unable to get back to shore. The Truro Guards effected a dramatic water rescue swimming out to the victims and then getting them back to shore with the use of their surf rescue board. Below is a link to help explain what a rip current is and what you should do if in fact you are caught in one.
<http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/>

Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station is open 7 days a week and the Swap Shop will remain open three days a week (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) and closed Tuesday through Friday.
- The tide gate from the Pamet River has been recovered; plans to reinstall are under discussion.
- Snow fencing and signage restricting ORV access has been installed at the south facing ORV entrance to Corn Hill Beach in support of hatching Piping Plovers.
- Roadway paving bid opened this week, and all bids are currently under review.
- Application for Administrative Review with the Conservation Commission has been submitted for three separate resurfacing road projects: Longnook Rd, Collins Rd, and Depot Rd.
- Director Cabral took part in a conference call for an update with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Pamet River restoration project with a focus on the immediate and long term effects of the tide gate and ongoing data collection and field work.

Harbor Master

- The Harbor has been busy with recreational fishing launches, charter fishing launches and preparing for Commercial Bass season opening Monday and Thursday this week. The new docks have been a game changer for all fisherman!

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- All wait list, tidal moorings, basin moorings, season launches have been updated.
- The new well pump and hoses down to the dock have been installed and tested and the power washer for washing down slippery ramp has been tested as well (see photos).
- Harbor staff completed the Final DMF Report for the new docks in time for the grant completion date of June 30, 2018

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.
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Pre-Season Summer Rec Youth program at the Truro Community Center.
 - Summer Rec Youth Program will run from July 2 – August 17, 2018 at the Truro Central School and the Truro Community Center.
 - Post Season program will run from August 20 – August 28, 2018 at the Truro Community Center.
- Beach
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road, is open daily from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
 - Beach Fire – permits may be requested online at www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office

Library

- Summer Reading has begun. Kids register with a reading log and keep track of their summer reading time. For every hour of reading, kids get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a wonderful prize at the end of the summer. Additionally, for every reading hour the Friends of the Truro Library will make a donation to the Center for Coastal Studies. This year's summer reading slogan is "Libraries Rock".
- On Thursday and Friday mornings, the Library is now offering a program or craft, followed by lunch for all children.
- On Tuesday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. James Carroll will read from his latest book, *The Cloister*, a novel of the timeless love story of Peter Abelard and Heloise, and its impact on a modern priest and a Holocaust survivor seeking sanctuary in Manhattan.

Council on Aging

- Men's Workout Class – The Men's Workout program will continue to meet weekly, on Tuesdays from 10:45 am to 11:45 am. This free class is a blend of strength, flexibility, agility, and balance geared specifically to the needs of men. If you have any questions, please call instructor Kathy Stetson at 508-397-5324.
- Chi Kung classes will meet on Wednesdays 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center – This class combines the slow movements of Chi Kung for the benefit of mental, physical balance, and general well-being, with an emphasis on "mindfulness" – remaining focused in the here and now. The health benefits of focused slow movement have been amply demonstrated by recent medical research. The instructor, Ellen Anthony, has been teaching Chi Kung, for several years on Cape Cod. \$5.00 per class.

Health and Conservation

- It's summer! The department is extremely busy managing the day-to-day questions, permits inspections and new staff training.
- The Department has received notification from the AmeriCorps of Cape Cod approving a shared placement with for an AmeriCorps service member. The Health & Conservation Departments in both towns will collaborate to advance our "Outer Cape ecosystems stewardship" program that includes: a septic impact study, vernal pool identification and certification, disaster preparedness, natural resource land inventory and monitoring, and box turtle study program. The anticipated start date for our new

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service member is in October.

- The shorebird monitoring has pinpointed timeframes for hatching terns and plovers this week which brought the temporary closure to the south portion of Corn Hill to ORV travel and to dogs. The newly hatched chicks will be monitored to ensure that they have fledged before the restrictions can be lifted, and this takes 3 to 4 weeks.
- An early nesting pair saw chicks hatch at their nest to the North of Fisher Beach earlier in the month. The communities' cooperation with this program is essential to the maximizing the chances for success for these listed birds.
- The first beach closures of the season due to water sampling efforts happened last week out on Beach Point. It was short-term and the beaches have been re-opened. In these cases the Agent or the Assistant must communicate with State and County officials and the private property owners to ensure proper posting of closed areas until follow-up water testing has been completed and the water quality passes with clean results.
- We have a new staff person on board this week. We welcome Lynne Budnick as the new Building, Health & Conservation Office Assistant.

Administration

- If you have not yet renewed your access to the Transfer Station, please be aware that the access runs until June 30th, 2018. You will need to renew for July 1st. Remember to bring in your car registration before visiting Town Hall or the Beach Office.
- Rental Registration Applications must be submitted to our office prior to your summer tenant arriving for their access to Truro's beautiful beaches.
- One Week Shellfish Permits are available at our office for \$25.00 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm for visitors to Truro.

Attachments

May Building Permits

Assistant Harbor Master Gary Sharpless
Power washing Harbor Ramp



Water hose running length of gangway to dock
for connection to ramp for power washing

