

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 17, 2018

### **Announcements:**

Longnook Beach will reopen for swimming at 9 AM on Saturday. We remind beach goers to 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 sharks.)
- Avoid cloudy water (sharks could mistake you for prey.)
- 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.

Beach Gate Attendants will be informing patrons of the recent shark activity in the area and distributing Cape Cod Great White Shark Safety brochures.

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

- On Wednesday August 15 at approximately 4:11 pm, Truro Police & Fire responded to a 911 call advising that a person sustained a shark bite on Longnook Beach. The victim was a 61 year old male who reported that he received the injury while standing in water approximately 30 yards off shore. He was treated by Truro Fire and Police and transported to the Marconi Site helipad in Wellfleet, where he was then flown via helicopter to Tufts Medical Center in Boston. It has since been determined that he was on CCNS property. *The training and commitment of our staff was evident from their quick and effective handling of the situation. Many thanks to the community members and visitors that assisted the victim until staff arrived and to those who helped carry him up the bank to the parking lot.*
- Longnook Beach remained closed for swimming through Friday. Due to no confirmed sightings of Great White Sharks at Longnook Beach since Thursday, August 16, 2018, swimming will reopen at Longnook Beach on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 9:00 am. Please practice shark safety.
- Health & Conservation Agent Beebe and I attended day one of the Cape Cod Commission's One Cape Summit which focused on coastal resiliency and water quality. Governor Charlie Baker was the featured speaker.
- Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Weinstein and I attended day two of the One Cape Summit with the focus shifting to housing and economic resiliency. We started the morning at the Councilor's breakfast, featuring Secretary Jay Ash (Housing and Economic Development) who was instrumental in assisting the Town in acquiring the Cloverleaf property. There were thought provoking presenters on both days.

### ***Upcoming Meetings:***

- Monday, August 20, 2018-Shellfish Advisory Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 21, 2018-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, August 21, 2018-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, August 22, 2018-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Community Center at 6:00pm – Cannabis Bylaw Public Hearing

### ***Department News:***

#### **Police Department**

- Truro Police Department has opened the application period for police officer candidates. The application period will remain open until September 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, August 16, 2018, Governor Baker held a community discussion forum on "Emergency Response to Opioid Misuse on Cape Cod and the Islands". A Truro Police Department representative was in attendance. This critical forum included community, local and state representatives. The

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discussion was held at the Falmouth Arts Center.

### 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 closed Tuesday through Friday.
- 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.
- DPW Director Cabral met DOT District 5 Official Dan Viera to accomplish a site visit to review drainage improvements on Highland Road. Additional work is tentatively scheduled for mid-September. Work will include extending the stone swale from the south bound exit ramp clover leaf area to the drainage headwall closest to route six. An additional stone swale will be added along the south bound ramp to Highland Road covering the entire length of the ramp area. This will be a great addition to the drainage system because currently there is nothing on the south bound ramp shoulder addressing storm water drainage. All pipes in the drainage system on Highland and the clover leaf area will be jetted (cleaned) including removing sediment build-up at the culvert headwall located behind 2 Pond Road.
- Ag Fair preparation has begun, snow fencing has been installed around concert park, and Eversource will restore power to the area next week.
- A new tide gate has been installed on Town Center Road, allowing water to drain from the East portion of the Pamet River.

### Harbor Master

- The Harbormaster and staff was very busy this week at the Harbor with daily launches and mooring holder and transient boat activity. And assisting people with broken trailers and boats.
- Shellfish Constable and staff monitoring shellfish activity (enforcing, teaching about proper methods of shell fishing) at bay beaches because of extreme low tides.
- Harbormaster and staff completing trimming of brush on perimeter of parking lot and sweeping up debris.

### 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.
  - Summer Rec Youth program ended on Friday, August 17, 2018.
- Recreation-Activities this week
  - Mad Science Day at Summer Rec Youth Program: Egg drop competition with the help of Truro and Provincetown Fire Departments.
  - Summer Rec Youth Program had a field trip to the Wellfleet Cinema.
- Upcoming Activities
  - Iyengar Yoga with Karin Stephan.
  - Post Season program will run from August 20 – August 28, 2018 at the Truro Community Center.
  - Youth Soccer registration is open.
- Beach
  - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is open daily from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
  - Reminder – Beach Stickers are required to park at Town of Truro beach parking lots between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June through Labor Day whether or not a Gate Attendant is present.
  - Beach Fire Permits may be requested online at [www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office](http://www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office)
  - Corn Hill South ORV corridor by the jetty is closed.
  - Please review the Town Manager's note regarding the shark bite on 8/15/15, which resulted in the temporary closure of Longnook Beach.

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### Assessing

- The Assessor's office has begun accepting applications for Statutory Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2019. Please contact us with any questions regarding eligibility for Senior, Veteran, or Blind Exemptions available for residents that meet ownership, residency, disability, income and asset requirements. Feel free to submit any applications as soon as possible so we can look to get them on the First Half October Tax bills.
- Residential Exemption information has been posted to our website [www.truro-ma.gov/assessors-office](http://www.truro-ma.gov/assessors-office). We have begun to accept new applications for the Residential Exemption for FY19, should it be approved by the Board of Selectmen at the Classification Hearing. For residents who received the Residential Exemption last year, if it is approved again for FY19, we will use the information submitted previously for this year. Please review the documents on the website and contact the Assessor's Office with any questions.

### Library

- Truro Library's first "Catherine Woolley Day" celebration was a great success. Ms. Woolley lived in Truro and wrote many children's books, including *The Blueberry Pie Elf*, under the name Jane Thayer. August 11 was her birthday, and in her honor 30+ people of all ages, read her books, ate blueberry pie, drank blueberry lemonade, played games, and listened to music.
- On Tues., Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m., poet Sue D. Burton will read from her unflinching new collection, *BOX*, chosen for the 2018 Two Sylvias Press Poetry Prize.
- Thursday morning Story Time will have special guests Cammie and Clyde Watson, who will read from the books that Wendy Watson wrote and Clyde Watson illustrated.
- The Summer Music Series continues on Thurs., Aug. 23, with a performance by the "Chandler Travis Philharmonic". Concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

- New Council on Aging Vehicle-We have a new Toyota Sienna van on the Road! (picture attached)
- July Transportation News-We provide curb to curb transportation services by reservation to ambulatory Truro residents who are at least 60 years of age. In addition, a wheelchair accessible van is available to people with physical limitations, which use wheelchairs and/or mobility aids. In July, 105 transportation rides were provided and 1552.3 miles were driven.

### Attachments

New COA Vehicle

