

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 26, 2018

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

- We received word that the Town was awarded second place in the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Town Report Contest for our population category.
- There are a number of elected offices that will be included on the 2018 annual election ballot. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office and must be returned by March 20, 2018 at 5 pm. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Staff met with Dr. Mark Borrelli of the Center for Coastal Studies to review the Coastal Zone Management grant Inundation Pathways database and some of the data. It was exciting to see how closely the data matched the actual effects of our most recent storm event.
- The 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant opened on January 24, 2018 and will remain open for submission of articles until March 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm. The deadline for money articles is February 9, 2018.
- The Budget Task Force met on Monday January 22 to review the following budgets: Truro Central School and the Truro Public Library. On Monday February 5 at 8:00 am at the Truro Town Hall, the Budget Task Force will convene to review budgets for the Public Works, Administration, Finance and Information Technologies departments. As a reminder, the public is encouraged to attend these open meetings and may also access recordings of the meetings on Truro TV.
- Last chance to share your input in the **shared services study** that is being completed by the Towns of Truro and Provincetown ([available here: https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-manager/pages/towns-of-truro-and-provincetown-shared-service-survey](https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-manager/pages/towns-of-truro-and-provincetown-shared-service-survey))! The survey will remain open until January 31, 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, January 29, 2018-Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:30am
- Tuesday, January 30, 2018-Community Forum on House Size Limits in Truro @ The Truro Public Library at 6:00pm
- Friday, February 2, 2018-Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 8 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 26 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) applications have been completed and will be submitted this week. The Department is applying for Federal grant monies to replace our water tender and thermal imaging equipment.
- Firefighter Sean Anderson has graduated from the 10 week Career Recruit Training program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow. Congratulations Sean on a job well done.
- The Town will be working to provide a new comprehensive emergency notification and safety alert system for the Town. This system will be able to provide valuable and real time Public Service Announcements (PSA's) as well as valuable safety notifications to residents and visitors to our community.
- Chief Collins has been working on developing a training calendar that will incorporate regional training programs and invite our neighboring communities to enhance delivery of fire protections services on the Outer Cape. These programs will range from basic skills to advanced vehicle extrication programs.
- Chief Collins attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) conference in Boston with Assistant Town Manager Clark. The conference provided many valuable programs pertaining to the operation of not only Town Government but Department specific programs as well.

Department of Public Works

- **As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of**

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Presidents Day.

- Due to heavy rain this week, DPW personnel have been actively clearing water ways and catch basins. The catch basin truck will be out cleaning the basins well into next week.
- Yard waste located at the Transfer Station is scheduled to be removed on January 29, 2018 through February 9, 2018. Due to safety concerns, depositing yard waste will be restricted until after February 9, 2018.
- In preparation for installing the new Transfer Station scale, a gas monitoring well is scheduled to be installed nearest to the scale location on February 13, 2018.
- The culvert located on Old County Road just south of Prince Valley Road is tentatively scheduled to be repaired in the last week of February or early March 2018. The work is to be completed by Lawrence Lynch Corp in collaboration with the DPW.
- Due to recent questions about the acceptance of demolition waste (concrete, bricks, asphalt pavement, masonry, plaster, gypsum wallboard, toilets, lumber, wood) we contacted DEP and confirmed that the Board of Health Regulations are consistent with DEP.
- January 11, 2018 marked the first day of a new Board of Health regulation allowing a six-month Transfer Station permit. Since then, there have been sales of the new permit type, including a new home owner and a renter who recently moved to Town.

Harbor Master

- Attended a Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee meeting to discuss scheduling and the ability to get a waiver to dredge past the time of year restriction.
- A Shellfish Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to review applications for shellfish licenses in preparation for a Public Hearing scheduled February 13th.
- Warmer weather has freed up floating ice which finally moved out of the Harbor but some of the movement of that ice caused some damage to a licensed Shellfish Grant off of Beach Point.
- Shellfish harvesting remains robust as nearly 50 people gathered at Pamet Harbor over the weekend.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
 - Youth Basketball practices.
 - Youth cheerleading practices.
 - 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.
- Activities this week
 - Kate Paradise, Office Assistant for the COA and Recreation & Beach Department started.
 - Erica Nunes was hired as the Assistant Director for the Recreation & Beach Department. She will begin on Monday, February 5, 2018.
 - Preparing for the February Vacation Youth Program.
- Beach
 - The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018, all beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508)487-7548.

Council on Aging

- Transportation News

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- Customer satisfaction surveys were mailed out to all riders who used the COA transportation services during the last quarter. Self-addressed stamped envelopes were also included in the hopes that this would increase the return rate for the surveys. Information from these surveys will be used as a program improvement tool. From this point forward, these surveys will be distributed by the drivers along with an envelope so that riders can complete them on the day of the ride, or at a later point where they can then mail it or drop it off at the COA. In addition, a short survey will be included for the February newsletter. The purpose of this survey is to obtain community input for possible expansion of the transportation services at the COA. Some expansion ideas include day trips to areas of local interest and designation of particular days for shopping and errands.
- New Council on Aging, Recreation and Beach Department Office Assistant
 - Kate Paradise began as our new office assistant on January 22nd. Please stop in and say hello to Kate. We are now fully staffed at the COA and look forward to working together in the coming months.
- What's Cooking at the COA?
 - On Tuesday, January 30th, we will be serving Shrimp and Vegetable Stir Fry over Rice Pilaf for \$7.50.
 - Our Soup to Go will be Coconut Curry Sweet Potato for \$4.00.

Library

- The Winter Music Series continues with Monica Rizzio, performing acoustic country and folk on Saturday, January 27th. All the music begins at 1:00 p.m.
- The Kids' Maker series continues on Wednesday, January 31st, with a program on how to create puzzles and on Wednesday, February 7th, with a program on Little Bits (toys that teach electronic circuitry concepts). The games begin at 4:00 p.m.
- During the month of February, Community Room artists in residence will be "unforgoatable". The youth who till the soil at the children's garden create art during the winter that will focus on some aspect of what they have learned. This year the focus is "Goats and the Garden". There is an opportunity to meet the artists at a reception on Friday, February 2nd, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 p.m.

Administration

- Our department has reached out to the Police Chief Search Committee for suitable dates for the group's first meeting, which will take place at the end of February.
- The Board of Selectmen approved an increase in One-Day Alcohol and One-Day Entertainment fees. Those new fees are listed on the applications on our website.

Attachments

Sean Anderson-Academy

