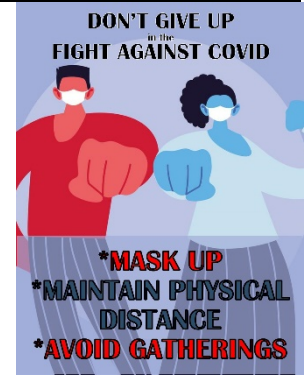


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Announcements:

- Effective Monday, the Governor rescinded the Stay-at-Home Advisory between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am and the order requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30 pm. Capacity limits of 25% for most industries and gathering limits will continue until **at least February 8, 2021**.
- Citizens can view virtual meetings on Channel 18 in Truro and on the web on the "Truro TV Channel 18" button under "Helpful Links" on the homepage of the Town of Truro website. Click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page or join the meeting using the phone number/ link included on the agenda.
- COVID-19 cases continue to creep up in the Commonwealth and in our region. Truro has nine active COVID cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Don't give up! Wear your mask! As a reminder, the Town of Truro and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have masking requirements for the public. If you are in a public space--indoors or outdoors, and even if you can stay six feet from others--you must be masked. A printable flyer is available [here](#).



Quick Links



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

- The COVID Team met again this week to discuss vaccine distribution plans. Plans are being solidified for a local vaccine clinic, **when supply is available**. Staff is fielding many calls regarding vaccines and has posted an important announcement from Barnstable County clarifying the COVID-19 Vaccination Process which explains that "although residents seventy-five years and older will be the next group eligible (Phase 2) to receive a COVID-19 vaccination beginning Monday, February 1, most will not find an available appointment immediately on Cape Cod. The reasons for the delay in the timeline are twofold: we are still in the process of vaccinating the initial eligible groups in Phase 1, and we do not yet have an adequate supply of the vaccine." [Click here](#) to view the full announcement. There is also a new Vaccine Updates page on the Town of Truro website. [Click here](#) to check it out.
- Most of the week was spent reviewing prospective revenues, combing through draft budgets and preparing supplemental materials for review by the Budget Task Force. Budget Task Force Meetings continue Monday February 8th for review of all outstanding budgets. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.
- The first meeting of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 6 pm. Assistant Town Manager Clark and I met with the facilitator to provide an update on the Committee's status and work out details in advance of the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, February 8, 2021-Energy Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Monday, February 8, 2021-Select Board and Finance Committee Budget Task Force Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Monday, February 8, 2021-Bike and Walkways Committee Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, February 9, 2021-Council on Aging Board Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Tuesday, February 9, 2021-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 2:30pm.
- Thursday, February 11, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Work Session @ 2:30pm.
- Friday, February 12, 2021-Community Preservation Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:15pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30,

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- As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed on February 15, 2021 in observance for Presidents Day.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- The Town Hall bell louvers have been removed and testing resumed this week to ensure compliance with DEP regulatory guidance.
- The Division of Ecological Restoration is currently reviewing all existing data regarding the Mill Pond Road culvert. This project area is currently listed as a priority project with DER and is eligible for further funding to support the engineering and design for replacing the culvert.
- Please see the attached spreadsheet for an update on all our environmental projects. It's important to note that all completed taskings for Eagle Neck Creek, Pamet River (TCR) and Mill Pond have been funded by grants. In addition, 75% of the construction cost for Eagle Neck Creek will be grant funded totaling approximately \$2,100,000.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Early morning tides with colder temperatures brought out fewer people to harvest shellfish than previous weeks but there was still an impressive turnout with 30+ bundled up and scratching away.
- Harbor Master Jakkett secured gear at the Harbor in response to heavy winds with a driving rain.
- Shellfish Constable Jakkett walked the flats and surveyed the area to check out shellfish stock.

Health and Conservation

- Effective Monday, February 8th at 5:00 AM, Governor Baker is lifting the temporary occupancy restrictions to numerous business sectors so that businesses limited to only 25% of their occupancy/capacity may resume operating at the 40% occupancy reduction level that was previously in place. The Commonwealth remains in Phase 3 step 1 of the reopening order #58.
Summary:
 - 40% occupancy for restaurants, retail, places of worship, movie theaters (limited to no more than 50 people per theater) gyms and health clubs, office spaces;
 - Close contact personal services limited to 40 % occupancy with a limit of 5 people/1000 sf;
 - Gatherings will stay at 10 persons indoors and 25 outdoors;
 - A complete list of affected sectors can be found on the DPH website at:
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>
- We continue to work on the plans for our Regional Vaccination Clinic with our partners in Provincetown, Wellfleet and Eastham. This truly is a regional effort, and the main spine of support for the two Outer Cape Clinics comes from Barnstable County Health, who have provided two exceptional planners (Phil Burt and Andy Platt). The County will also receive and store vaccine for us and provide nurses to vaccinate. Our emergency team is completely engaged in this planning effort which includes working with COA director Mary Elizabeth Briscoe.
- Our two regional clinic locations are Little Creek in Eastham, off Doane Road, and the Pilgrim Springs area off of Route 6. They will be drive-through clinics and we anticipate receiving vaccine for both clinics soon.
- The Board of Health met on February 2nd and approved all past meeting minutes through the end of January 2021. The Board has been working on revisions to their local regulations relative to septic systems, septic inspections, and private wells.
- The Conservation Commission met on February 1, and issued numerous permits, including an emergency certification to address erosion at 544 Shore Road, which was conditionally approved.

Please stay Safe!

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Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 click [HERE](#)
- **Directors Meeting** – Director Clements and Director Briscoe.
- **Walk With Ease** – Director Clements continues online training for the [Walk With Ease](#) program offered by the Arthritis Foundation.
- **1st Aid/CPR/AED** – Director Clements receives online training.
- **Living with White Sharks** – Director Clements attends a virtual presentation.
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements sent invitations for past staff to return in 2021.
- **eNewsletter** – Director Clements creates landing page through Constant Contact for the public to sign up to receive department updates.
- **Easter** – Department is in the initial planning phase for a community Easter event.
- **The Truro Community Center** is closed, but staff are still in the office. Staff can still be reached by phone (508)487-1632, email dclements@truro-ma.gov, or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) is closed and beaches are no longer protected by lifeguards. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. ORV stickers are still required to access the bayside, off-road corridor. To order online click [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983. Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in public. The playground is cleaned weekly and hand sanitizing stations are present. Portable restrooms are no longer available.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Suspended Activities

- Walking Group
- Indoor Walking
- Zumba Fitness
- Community Indoor Pickleball
- Adult Indoor Soccer
- Community Volleyball

Library

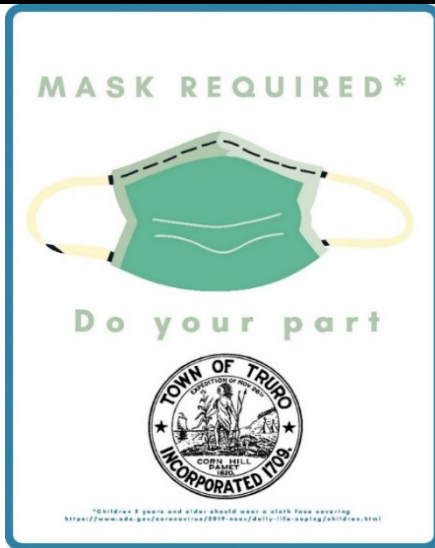
- Announcing “February Artsy Craftsy Workshops” with artist Kathi Smith. The programs are on Zoom each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required for the link and supplies. This event is open to all ages.
- Thursday morning story times are in-person or virtual at 10:30 a.m.
- The Truro Library Book Discussion Group will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrick on Wednesday, February 24th at 2:00 p.m. Call the Library for inclusion information.
- Check out the Kanopy video streaming service that is available through the library website. You need to go to trurolibrary.kanopy.com and sign up with your library card and PIN number.

Attachments

- Environmental Projects Update

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Task	Phase/Task	East Harbor	Eagle Neck Creek	Pamet River TCR	Mill Pond ⁵	Little Pamet
Phase I	Project Initiation & Field Investigation	x	x	x	Not Authorized	On going
1	Project Kickoff Meeting (Town & stakeholders)	x	x	x		x
2	Existing Data Review	x	x	x		x
3	Site Survey	x	x	x	x	x
4	Tidal Study	x	x	x	x	x
5	Wetlands Delineation	x	x	x	x	x
6	Shellfish Survey	x	x	N/A		x
7	Subsurface Investigation	x	x	x		On going ⁴
8	Develop Existing Condition Base Plans	x	x	x		On going
Phase II	Supplemental Surveys, Preliminary Design Cost Estimates	x	x	On going ³		x ⁴
9	Watershed Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling & Impacts	x	x	x	x	x
10	Resource Evaluation & Mapping	N/A	N/A	x		
11	Alternative Analysis on culvert sizing, configuration, tide control	x	x	x	x	x
12	Scour analysis & mitigation	x	x	x		
13	Geotechnical Analysis & Foundation Design	x	x	x		
14	Proposed Project Costing	x	x	x		x
15	Preliminary Design & Field Investigation Report	x	x	x		
16	Meeting w/Town & stakeholders to discuss Report Findings	x	x	Est Feb		
Phase III	Final Design and Permitting	On going	On going	Not Authorized		
17	Public Meeting to present proposed design & receive feedback	x	x			
18	Final Engineering Design, Plans, & Cost Estimates	x	Not Authorized			
19	Environmental Permitting	On going ¹	On going			
Phase IV	Bidding & Construction Phase Support	On going ²	Not Authorized	Not Authorized		
20	Develop Bid & Contract Documents	Est Feb 2021	Est Apr 2021			
21	Bid Support	Est Mar 2021	Est May 2021			
22	Construction Methodology Review (submittal review)	Est May 2021	Est Oct 2021			
23	Construction Meetings & Oversight (actual construction)	Est May 2021	Est Oct 2021			
24	Environmental Compliance Review & Final Report	Est July 2021	Est Dec 2021			

x - Completed

AC - Army Corp

Est - Estimated Start Time

1 East Harbor - AC reviewing permit resubmission and no deadline; MassDOT access permit needs to be filed, anticipated February

2 East Harbor - Schedule dependent on AC permit review

3 Pamet River / Truro Center Rd (TCR) - Phase I & II complete pending virtual review meeting in February with team

4 Little Pamet River (LPR) - Geotech borings complete but sediment coring from river channel is pending receipt of AC SAP (filed May 2020); base plans will be updated for this information after collected

5 Mill Pond - Taskings were completed in 2013 and a data review will be required

6 NOTE : All taskings completed thus far for Eagle Neck Creek, Truro Center Rd (TCR), and Mill Pond have been funded by Grants totaling approximately \$365,030

7 NOTE : 75% of the Eagle Neck Creek construction phase will be grant funded totaling approximately 2,100,000.