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To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen

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From: Jonathan P. Klarén

Re: Proposal for usage of the existing parking spaces along Basin Road in Menemsha to enhance pedestrian safety due to the changes in business practices due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As of the date of this document, the food establishments in Menemsha are planning to operate as take-out (or preferably termed by BOH 'take-away') operations. My suggestions are provisions for facilitating Menemsha traffic in the vicinity of the patrons gathering outside the businesses. All the suggestions in this document are subtle changes that can be easily adjusted, and/or returned to the current condition.

**Overview:** Plan for current parking spaces along the Eastern side of Basin Road. (from bridge to just prior to Menemsha Texaco)

25 Spaces total = two (handicap), eleven (30 min parking noon-9pm) and twelve (5 hour parking noon-9pm)

**Proposal:** Reduce the twelve 5 hour spots from comfort station to gas station to 30 minute parking (noon-9pm). Within all the 30 minute parking spaces, designate 4 spaces for standing/live parking 'hot spots'. The posted hot spots state that someone has to remain inside the vehicle in order to park there. Hot spots are not exclusive to a specific business. These hot spots would enable food delivery in a 'curbside' manner by all the businesses in Menemsha. Nothing would prohibit the use of the other 30-minute spots for customers to wait for their food delivery if this becomes a popular practice. Standing/stopping/parking along the West side of Basin Road would be prohibited.

If approved, the following would be required: 12 (30 minute parking noon-9pm) signs, 6 (Live Parking Only, Please stay in your car) signs for Hot spots and red paint in the hot spot parking area and 8 (No Standing signs to be placed in 4 cones on a double-sided stake). Now would also be a good time to create the previously discussed crosswalk near the comfort station. (Crosswalk sign also needed)

I also suggest that two of the 1-hour parking spaces across from The Galley be designated hot spots.

I have spoken to Betsy and Stanley Larsen as well as Tony Saccoccia re the above proposal. They all understood that designated hot spots are not exclusive to their business and that as employers, they would need to ensure they have adequate staff to facilitate curbside food delivery.

**Summary:** I acknowledge that this proposal has an impact of the public's use of Menemsha. (I.e. going to the beach, watching sunset, going fishing etc). My basis for making these suggestions is to anticipate that this 'take-away' practice could become a popular dining option due to projected limited capacity dine-in/full serve restaurants and these measures would enhance pedestrian safety along Basin Road.

Other Menemsha Topics for discussion;

- (If suggested by BOH,DPH or BOS) Limiting parking in the approx. 50 spaces beyond the gas station
- Tour Vans
- Taborhouse Lot
- Parking for workers in Menemsha (current 'shell lot' has 6-8 veh capacity)

Examples of No Standing Sign for Western edge of Basin Road along the market area. (Qty 8)



Examples of curbside signs for designated hot spots. (Qty 6)



Thank you,  
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