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Hi Tim,
Hope all is well with you...just realized I did not copy you on the email below that I hope will be on the Select Board Agenda...Tuesday, July 19, 2022...please call me if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Deb

-----Original Message-----

From: Deb Hancock <deb@hancockremv.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 12:22 PM
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Dear Select Board, Harbormaster and Chief of Police,

On Sunday, July 10, Patrick Echlin and I were working at my Bridge House located at 490 North Road. We left at approximately 7:37PM ... at the three way stop, I was at the North Road stop sign, the Chilmark Police vehicle was at the Stop sign on Basin Road heading out of Menemsha. There were two officers in the vehicle.

After they took a left onto North Road, I took a right onto Basin Road...all parking was fine by Pandora's Box and Chandlery, but just past the Beetlebung Store and before DiMaura's driveway, two cars were parked on the west side of the road. As we were approaching that area a box truck (not sure what name on it was but a white truck with round blue logo) came around the corner by sidewalk, too fast for that area, particularly at that time of the evening. As he swerved around to miss those cars that were parked between Di Maura's and Beetlebung, water came splashing out of the box truck. There was a male driving the truck and a female in the passenger seat. Had there been any people walking around the cars that were parked on the sidewalk, they very well could have been hit. Had we been 30-60 seconds sooner there could have been a head-on collision.

See attached photos for locations of cars. (I did not have my phone handy as we came through the first time...but went up to HTQI (18 Crick Hill Road) turned around, took photos heading toward North Road, turned around in Jane Slater's and took photos on the way back to HTQI...so I would have a timeline.)

Needless to say, this was an accident waiting to happen and luckily it didn't...not Sunday July 10...but something needs to be done about this...the traffic police

gave out tickets as they should, yet no one stayed in the area to make sure no one came around the corner too fast...as cars were parked in the sidewalk and on the road... with people walking on Basin Road and on the path (sidewalk)...it is very lucky nothing tragic happened.

I am particularly concerned that the two police persons in the Chilmark Police vehicle, did not realize the need to make sure no one going to fast around that corner with cars parked in the road. While I realize that the Harbormaster has taken on the job of traffic officers, at times it might be nice for the Chilmark Police to help out and not just spin through the area. At the very least, perhaps they could have radioed the Harbor Police to let them know someone should be watching that corner with cars parked in the road at sunset.

I sincerely hope that, if in the future, there are cars parked partially in the road on a blind corner, that someone from the Harbor Police, or the Chilmark Police will stay to direct traffic and avert a tragedy from occurring.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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