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Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to request a special permit to put up signs this Friday, November 26 through Sunday November 28, promoting a sale at my house at the address above. The reason for this late date of request is that I did not know this was the appropriate course of action to take until this morning.

I received a letter from Lenny Jason on mid October that I should contact his office regarding this matter. I promptly called the town hall and left a voice message. In fact, I left several. On November 4th, I received a voicemail from Mr. Jason. I tried calling him back and only got the machine. I went into the town hall last week and was told I had to talk to him. I left another voice message and he called me back this morning and I spoke with him. He said that it is not up to him and that I should request a special permit from the Selectmen. He said there was a meeting today, so I promptly called the town hall and spoke with Dilly, who kindly directed me to the required procedure.

This past summer I wrestled with how best to sell all the products that had once been in the Simon Gallery when it was on Main Street in Vineyard Haven. Living down a long dirt road is not conducive to getting gallery viewing traffic. So, using the Flea Market as a prototype with their signs at key points on the roads, I put up 4 signs - at Beetlebung Corner, North Road & the Crossroads, North Road & Tabor House Road, Middle Road & Tabor House Road pointing the way to my house on Wisteria Road. This was extremely effective and made all the difference in supplementing my income to the point that I was able to pay my bills and stay in Chilmark which is my supreme desire. I have lived in this house over 35 years and want to remain here. But, unfortunately, I have to work quite hard to accomplish this.

Therefore, I implore you to give me permission to put up signs that will only be posted on the days that I am open. If it were to go well this weekend, I would like to have open hours on the Saturday & Sundays until Dec. 19th. The signs can definitely be under the 3 square ft. allowance.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

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