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To: Honorable Board of Selectmen  
From: Planning Board  
Re: Chilmark Zoning Bylaws Homesite Housing Section 6.9 Proposed Amendments  
Date: June 17, 2016

At meetings of the Planning Board during March and April of 2016, the Board discussed its concerns about areas of flooding on Chilmark roads – in particular on South Road, also called State Road.

During the heavy rainstorms this spring, the Board's Road Agent, Mitchell Posin, travelled the length of South Road in an effort to identify the areas of greatest concern. The following is a list of those areas where rain accumulation was significant. It appears that drainage at these areas is inadequate to keep the roads relatively free of pooling.

Specifically noted (with an asterisk) are those spots where the accumulation is at or immediately before a curve in the road or where the pooling was so great that it encroached over the dividing line of the road. The Board's concern is that the pooling results in dangerous driving conditions.

As you would appreciate, driving through the pooling at speed, if there is insufficient reaction time to slow down, sends a cascade of water onto the windshield, temporarily blocking the driver's view. This is particularly problematic at night when the pooling is difficult to see in advance. Furthermore, the natural tendency to skirt the pooling is especially dangerous both at a curve and where the pooling extends across the entire driving lane.

A map is attached as well to help identify the specific areas of flooding.

#### **North Side of State Rd Identifier**

- Approximately at #276 South Road: #1 on the attached map
- \*Approximately at Barton Way, between Blaut and Leaf properties: #2 on the attached map
- \*Approximately at Blue Barque Road in the vicinity of the Land Bank land and Levintritt, on the curve: #3 on the attached map
- \*Approximately at Old Ridge Hill Road: #5 on the attached map
- Running west from the junction of Ridge Hill Road: #6 on the attached map

#### **South Side of State Rd Identifier**

- Approximately at #111 South Road: #4 on the attached map

The Planning Board respectfully requests the Selectmen to bring these safety conditions to the attention of the appropriate state agencies as a matter of urgency.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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Richard Osnoss, Planning Board

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