

To: Chilmark Chief of Police Brian Cioffi  
CC: Executive Secretary Timothy Carroll

Dear Chief Cioffi,

I would like to express my gratitude for the great job that the Menemsha Traffic Officers do for all of us in Menemsha. I would like to express a special thanks to Pierce Harrier, his presence makes all the difference to traffic flow and parking here on the south end of the basin. Pierce has a way with people that I feel deserves acknowledgment .

I am in full support of Article 4. that was passed at the special town meeting December 6, 2016. I appreciate what you said and ask you to consider the following when making your final decision on Electric Low Speed Vehicle or UTV.

- I am grateful for the U.S. Coast Guard and the place they have in our community. This is in no way a strike on them. The Coast Guard has acquired a type of UTV which sounds like a "mosquito on steroids". As a Menemsha resident is as you may assume is not a vehicle that is easy to live around on a daily basis. They seem to only use it during the off season at this time. I am able tune out cars and boats, but when they drive that UTV it makes you want to swat that mosquito! In respect to your feeling that you would like it to be able to drive on the beach in case of emergency is valid. I do not know if the electric would do so, and I am unsure if the present day cruiser it is replacing can do so. I am hoping that that is not a priority in the decision making process.
- There are a few low speed electric vehicles in town already. I am not sure if they are the type that is under your consideration. I find these vehicles to be quiet and easy to live around.
- When it comes to the environment and sustainability for the future. The need to move away from gas power vehicles and towards sustainable fuel sources is also in the forefront of my mind. I see people moving towards solar power as a reaction to this need. I understand at this time some electricity is still generated in a non environmental way, but it seems to be replaced by alternative energy at a rapid pace. I am not clear how long the vehicle will run with out a recharge. It also seems that a need for a recharge station in Menemsha may be a obstacle for the electric vehicle. The town of Chilmark has properties in Menemsha and maybe that obstacle can be remedied for a sustainable Menemsha.
- As a resident and a business owner in Menemsha I have found it is a place many come to find peace, beauty and renewal, I would urge you to consider the most quiet option.

In conclusion I am confident you will make the best decision based on our needs here in Menemsha. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter, I understand your position is not always a easy one.

All The Best,  
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