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To: **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) District 5**
Mary-Joe Perry, MassDOT District Highway Director
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From: **The Chilmark Planning Board**

Re: **Town of Chilmark State Road Flooding Issues**

Date: **April 7, 2017**

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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.

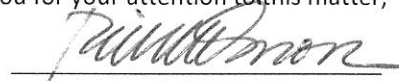
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A map is attached to help identify the specific areas of flooding. The map identifies the following 6 areas of concern:

- #1: Approximately at 276 South Road on north side
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Thank you for your attention to this matter,


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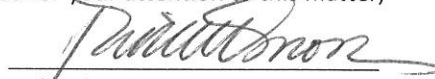
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SOUTH ROAD (STATE ROAD)

#6 At entrance to Ridge Hill Road on north side

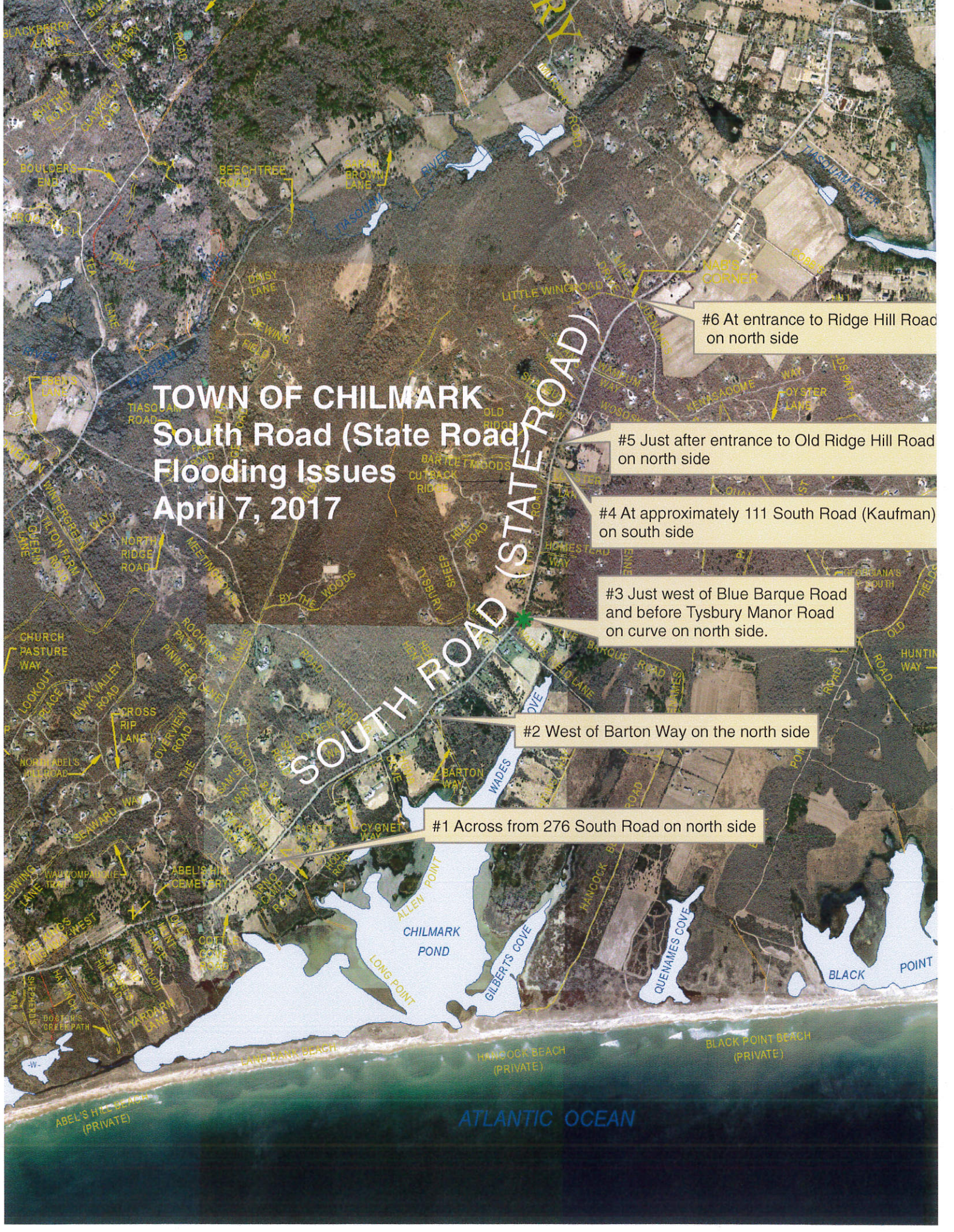
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