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To: Honorable Board of Selectmen
From: Planning Board Subcommittee
Re: Menemsha Master Plan
Date: March 2, 2018

The Planning Board subcommittee has completed their review of William Brewster's Analysis & Recommendations for Menemsha, dated December 12, 2017, and reviewed Mr. Brewster's additional presentation at the Public Forum at Chilmark Library on February 9, 2018.

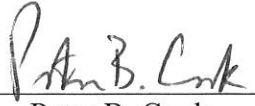
Based on the Brewster work, the Planning Board subcommittee is pleased to provide to you an executive summary listing our principal recommendations and those requiring further study for Menemsha. The purpose of the recommendations is to increase the overall safety of all persons in Menemsha while also improving the access of pedestrians and vehicles in the area. Please see the principal recommendations and list of items requiring further study attached.

We look forward to attending your Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 5PM meeting to discuss our recommendations.

Chilmark Planning Board Subcommittee Members

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Chilmark Planning Board Subcommittee's Executive Summary
March 2, 2018

Principal Recommendations

The following is a list of those recommendations from the Brewster report which we propose that the Town of Chilmark pursue. Supporting detail for these twelve recommendations can be found on the next page.

1. Pursue easement agreement with Greenebaum family.
2. Pursue easement agreement with DiMaura family.
3. Prune vegetation along North Rd/Basin Rd intersection.
4. Relocate Dutcher's Dock sign at North Rd/Basin Rd intersection.
5. Determine options for a STOP sign(s) at North Rd/Basin Rd intersection.
6. Paint crosswalks and marked pedestrian ways from The Bite to Comfort Station.
7. Upgrade Beach-Comfort Station seasonal walkway.
8. Provide mat-type access from the beach entry to the high-tide water line for independent access.
9. Create new VTA bus turn-around on north side of Comfort Station with covered bus stop.
10. Continue to use existing automatic speed limit signage on Basin Road.
11. Reconfigure parking along Basin Road from the bridge to the beach.
12. Develop a comprehensive signage plan for the Menemsha area.

Supporting Detail

1. Pursue easement agreement with Greenebaum family:
 - a. Complete overall plan design for parking/pathway lane along this property.
 - b. Prepare warrant article for town meeting to obtain funding for the work.
2. Pursue easement agreement with DiMaura family:
 - a. Complete plan design for pathway from (approximately) Beetlebung Café to edge of Crick Hill Road. (Plan design would be based on Brewster's designs for a crushed stone/shell walk. Engineering would necessarily include excavation and regrading.)
 - b. Prepare warrant article for town meeting to obtain funding for the work.
3. Prune vegetation along North Rd/Basin Rd intersection. This would require coordination with the property owners.
4. Confirm with State DOT that Dutcher's Dock signage at the corner of North Rd and Basin Rd can be relocated across street for better visibility.
5. Investigate and provide report on the options for installing a STOP sign(s) (or alternative warning feature/device) at the intersection of Basin Rd and North Rd. Install if permitted by State and, if applicable, local property owners.
6. Create crosswalks and marked pavement to show pedestrian way over Basin Rd to The Bite, back to west side of Basin Rd after corner, over and along bridge from Crick Hill Rd and from west side of Basin Rd diagonally over to Comfort Station and proposed bus stop. (see Brewster 2/9/18 presentation pgs. 17 & 19)
7. Upgrade the seasonal walkway, providing pre-installation surface preparation, from the beach to the Comfort Station.
8. Provide mat-type access from the beach entry to the high-tide water line for independent access. William Brewster may be contacted for information about companies which provide this type of mat.
9. Create new VTA bus turn-around on north side of Comfort Station with covered bus stop.
 - a. Develop a plan with engineering detail (including for the restoration/reconfiguration of the existing parking lot adjacent to the Comfort Station), liaising with the VTA.
 - b. Seek approval from the Conservation Commission.
 - c. Prepare warrant article for town meeting to obtain funding for the work.
10. Continue to use existing automatic speed limit signage.
11. Reconfigure parking along Basin Road from the bridge to the beach.
 - a. Consider parking spaces that accommodate larger, longer cars & trucks (including review of the Vineyard Land Surveying concept plan).
 - b. Reconfigure interior beach parking spaces to accommodate AASHTO turning radii at traffic lanes.

- c. In beach parking area, provide lined paths and passenger drop-off areas at 2 corners.
 - d. Determine parking regulations (size of vehicles and time limits).
 - e. Determine appropriate parking stop barriers for parked cars.
12. Develop a comprehensive signage plan for the Menemsha area: Consider the type, size, consistency, pattern, color, design and repetition of all signage with the objective of creating easily recognizable, yet unobtrusive, direction that closely adheres to the existing character of Menemsha. Considerations should include:
- a. Painting of crosswalks and markings to show pedestrian way over Basin Rd to The Bite, back to west side of Basin Rd after corner, over and along bridge from Crick Hill Rd and from west side of Basin Rd diagonally over to Comfort Station and proposed bus stop. (See the Brewster report for visuals).
 - b. Park-n-Ride signage and route schedule (e.g. upon entering Basin Rd and at other places along travel way).
 - c. Determination of need for No Standing signage outside of fish markets.
 - d. Other issues as outlined in the Planning Board's Menemsha Report Part 2 sent to the Board of Selectmen in December 2017.

The following additional recommendations from the Brewster report require significant additional study before we can propose taking action:

13. Paint roadway to identify a three point turn-around at the location of the Menemsha Market. (Alternatively, create a traffic pattern with cul-de-sac at the intersection of North Rd. and Boathouse Rd).
14. Paint roadway to identify where The Galley customers should stand when waiting and/or provide appropriate pedestrian separation objects (e.g. bollards) and signage outside of The Galley.
15. Provide a continuous path, using markings on pavement and crushed stone/shell on turf or gravel, from the intersection of North Road along the parking edge from Menemsha Blues to Beetlebung Café and reconfigure existing business landscaping in ROW.
16. Reverse and repair existing bulkhead wind-break to face the ocean side.
17. Provide new bulkhead wind-break along the parking edge as secondary break in beach parking area.
18. Extend the seasonal walkway to sculpture area and provide 5'x5' turn-around area.