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East Hampton Town Board

159 Pantigo Road

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Dear Town Board members,

Recently, The Clerks of the East Hampton Town Trustees have met with several residents of the White Sands area of Napeague, at their request. They explained their concerns and experiences since the recent removal of a sign limiting seasonal beach vehicle access on Atlantic Drive. The Town owned Beach just to the east, off Dolphin Drive, is now the so called "Family Beach", drawing large numbers of beach vehicles. There is dedicated access through the dune area for these vehicles to access that beach.

Apparently, since the removal of the earlier signage, beach vehicles have been gaining access to and from "Family Beach" at Atlantic Drive. This route directs traffic through the majority of the beachfronts used by the residents. Unlike all other beach access from Napeague Lane to Indian Wells, as well as the ocean beachfronts of Montauk, Atlantic Drive is not included in Town Code to restrict seasonal vehicle access to. The previous signage was removed because it was installed in error many years ago. However, the resulting traffic through the residential users is creating much stress. Also, it places this area as the only ocean beach in town, used by relatively densely developed adjacent properties, to face the burden of excess beach vehicle traffic.

At our meeting with the residents, the Trustees were asked if we would support the return of seasonal vehicle access at Atlantic Drive. They, and we, understand this matter is outside Trustee jurisdiction. However, the resulting conflict creates a serious issue within our jurisdiction that this board would not like to see escalate. Upon polling the full Trustee Board on this matter, eight agree and One registered no response. Please accept this letter of support to change the Town Code to include seasonally restricted vehicle access to the beach via Atlantic Drive, like that of other congested beaches to the west and east.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Francis J Bock, Clerk,

East Hampton Town Trustees

cc. Kathee Burke Gonzalez, David Lys, Cate Rogers, Tom Flight, Ian Calder-Piedmont, Michael Hansen