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OFFICE OF TOWN MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM

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To: Board of Selectmen  
Advisory and Finance Committee Members

From: Derek S. Brindisi, Assistant Town Manager

Date: February 2, 2017

Re: **Annual Town Meeting, Article 21 – Chapter 197, Traffic Regulation**

*ARTICLE 21:* To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to create parking districts and enact traffic rules and regulations applicable as follows:

Chapter 197, Traffic Regulation. The Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 90, §20A1/2, as may be amended, may promulgate traffic rules and shall, from time to time, establish by rule or regulation a schedule of fines for violations subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 90, §20A1/2 committed within the Town; provided, however, that all such fines shall be uniform for the same offense committed in the same zone or district, such zone or district to be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Or take any other action relative thereto .

While the provisions of G.L. c. 90, §20A1/2 do not specifically require the enactment of a bylaw provided that the statute has been accepted by the Town (acceptance in Plymouth occurred in 1982), this bylaw would provide clear language that the Board of Selectmen have separately enacted parking and traffic regulations (e.g. Traffic Rules and Orders), which shall include the establishment of parking districts, and corresponding fine amounts.

During the ensuing year, the Traffic Rules and Orders will be revised to include the new parking fine amounts approved by the Board of Selectmen in August 2016 and will be amended for the creation of the proposed White Horse Beach Parking District.

Thank you for your consideration.