

TO: Planning Board  
FR: Tim Carroll, Executive Secretary  
DT: 9 May 2016  
RE: Menemsha Planning

I am writing in response to your memorandum offering to assist with planning in Menemsha and our subsequent meeting. Thank you for your interest and willingness to work on issues that have defied easy solutions.

The Annual Town meeting voted to approve a number of Menemsha Projects on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the Selectmen have submitted a NOI to the ConCom for the paving project on Basin Road, a new bus turn around beside the comfort station, and improvements to the wooden boardwalk linking the beach to the comfort station. This public hearing will be on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> and your participation would be helpful.

I have spoken with the trustee and the owner of the property across from the Menemsha Harbor Craft Shop about building a sidewalk around that corner on Basin Road. They have offered to convey to the town at no cost an easement or deed for the land needed to build a sidewalk. We will be working with our surveyor and a traffic engineer to design the sidewalk this summer. It will be submitted to the land owner for review and then the ConCom and MassDOT by September.

The Selectmen decided to hold off on a number of Menemsha projects.

1. three foot wide walking path along Basin Road,
2. a painted sidewalk along North Road,
3. diagonal parking across from the Homeport Restaurant,
4. a reconfiguration of the parking & turn around between the Menemsha Market and Galley Restaurant, and
5. a possible three-way stop sign at Basin & North Roads.
6. Fall & winter 2016 renovation of the Comfort Station.

These are all achievable projects. However, they each come with issues that need to be discussed publicly and could be part of a planning process for the area that you have offered to undertake.

Would the Planning Board consider taking on a review of the North Road in Menemsha & Comfort Station and making recommendations to the Selectmen for approval at the Fall STM?