

October 23, 2015

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Jane Slater Chairman, Historical Commission
CC: Chief Cioffi, Rodney Bunker
SUBJECT: Meet the Fleet and paving the Menemsha Schoolhouse parking area

The Historical Commission wants to express its gratitude to the Board of Selectmen and endorsement of this year's Meet the Fleet day in Menemsha. It was a tremendous success and the Historical Commission hopes this will become an annual event for the Town as it helps preserve Menemsha's fishing heritage and supports today's working fleet.

Separately, the Commission reviewed the proposal to pave the parking area, side road and back area at its last meeting and would like to share its comments for your consideration. We are all well aware of the historic values the schoolhouse and site add to town center. The Commission also understands the request to improve the vehicle travel surfaces to support the historic building's current use as the Police Station.

After much discussion with Rodney Bunker we would like to share the following thoughts for your consideration. The Historical Commission agrees with the need for improvements but, does not support the use of asphalt paving on the site. We respectfully request that surface alternatives to paving be explored—such as concrete pavers. The Commission also believes a complete plan to improve the surface along with a re-grading plan and storm water runoff drainage system be added to the project to help mitigate erosion and future surface deterioration.

Thank you for your consideration.