

CITIZEN PETITION

Relating to the Depot Street Area of Pine Point

We, the citizens of the Town of Scarborough, respectfully petition the Town Council to preserve for the benefit of the inhabitants of Scarborough the 137 year-old public road known historically as Depot Street and renamed Pine Point Rd. in 1976.

Furthermore, should the Town Council consider a public-private land exchange relocating or reconfiguring a portion of or all of Depot Street, we petition the Town Council to approve an exchange of land only if such exchange maintains the equivalent or additional square footage area of the public right of way which has existed since 1872 (measured as the entire length of the public road to the ocean by 3 rods, or forty-nine and one-half feet in width in total area).

Furthermore, we petition the Town Council to enter only into leases, contracts, or other legal instruments to accomplish any land exchange rather than conveyance by deeds, and said leases, contracts or other legal instruments be crafted in such a way as to protect the interests of the Inhabitants of the Town of Scarborough in current or future negotiations related to the public road or land exchange agreements.

Furthermore, we petition the Town Council to ensure that any reconfiguration of Depot Street for purposes of promoting public and private improvements preserve access for emergency vehicles and the public's right to travel by automobile to the terminus of Depot Street at the frontal dune.

Furthermore, we petition the Town Council to take no action of discontinuance of any portion of Depot Street including that which lies within the frontal sand dune, beach and intertidal zone.

Furthermore, we petition the Town Council to direct its staff to analyze any proposed changes to shore access in this area to ensure they are in full accordance with The Town of Scarborough Comprehensive Plan's "Vision for Scarborough's Marine Resources," (Chapter 5, Section D) particularly as related to Depot Street.

Furthermore, we petition the Town Council to formally embrace the concept of and plan for the design and development of an "Ocean Gateway" utilizing Depot Street and the public land bordered by Claudia Lane, to include a safe, attractive and welcoming public access to the shore with green space, travel areas for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, handicap access, park-like amenities, and a drop-off area for visitors to the shore.

Finally, we petition the Town Council to employ and facilitate a public process by which citizens, town officials, abutters, and other affected parties come together in a spirit of cooperation to reach consensus on design decisions through compromise and respectful collaboration.

Respectfully Signed,

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