

## John Thurlow

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**Subject:** FW: ~~~ PINE POINT ~~~

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**From:** Pine Point Residents Association [mailto:Pine-Point-Beach@maine.rr.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, June 14, 2009 9:27 PM

**To:** 'Thomas Hall'

**Cc:** 'Shawn Babine'; 'Carol Rancourt'; 'Councilor Ahlquist'; 'Councilor Babine'; 'Councilor Rancourt'; 'Councilor Roy'; 'Councilor Sullivan'; 'Councilor Wood'; 'Judy Roy'; 'Karen D'Andrea'; 'Mike Wood'; 'Richard Sullivan'; 'Ron Ahlquist'; Elaine Richer; Jack & Janet Callahan; john@thurlow.com; Judy Mushial (Judy Mushial); Judy Shirk ; 'Sue Perrino '; Joan Lourie ; Sargent, Courtney; Courtney Sargent; Kirby, Paul & Lynn ; 'John Thurlow (school)'

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Thank you, Tom.

Would you consider meeting our group at our July meeting (it has not been scheduled yet but will likely be in mid-July)? That will allow us to do our business on June 24<sup>th</sup> and devote time for the neighborhood to meet you and exchange ideas. More summer residents will be here also.

As for the land swap, we had hoped that the citizen comments on June 3<sup>rd</sup> would have helped delay the proposal until a public process was put into place. But we've now learned that the Council members received the details of your plan at the same time we did - last Friday - in the Council packets. We forwarded the information you provided and placed it on our website, but as you can imagine, there is little time for people to learn about it and react. Furthermore, there are no details regarding relocation of the motel's parking or specifics about what will happen on the smaller Town property.

The Association is opposed to giving away our public street to Pine Point Beach because we have worked for years to reclaim it from frequent private use and develop it as a community resource - consistent with the 2005 Town Council's goal, Ron Owens' "Ocean Gateway" vision, and the Town's Comprehensive Plan. We are anxious to hear the rationale for this recent proposal, out of intense curiosity, but have faith in our elected representatives that they will make the right decision and keep public property for the public. As has been stated many times, a land exchange may be a positive development if done right and is of tangible and significant benefit to the citizens of Scarborough. Our position is this plan does not rise to that standard.

So we thank you for doing your "best to be available to meet with [us] next week before the meeting" but there is simply no time remaining. We've wanted to meet since October and still hope to, but having just received this plan, we must devote the hours ahead to preparing to speak directly to the Council Wednesday night.

Thank you once again.

Representatives of the Pine Point Association

Harold Hutchinson, Judy Mushial, Jack Callahan, Elaine Richer, John Thurlow, Judy Shirk, Sue Perrino

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**From:** Thomas Hall [mailto:THall@ci.scarborough.me.us]

**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2009 5:29 PM

**To:** Pine Point Residents Association

**Cc:** Shawn Babine; Carol Rancourt; Councilor Ahlquist; Councilor Babine; Councilor Rancourt; Councilor Roy; Councilor Sullivan; Councilor Wood; Judy Roy; Karen D'Andrea; Mike Wood; Richard Sullivan; Ron Ahlquist

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**Importance:** High

John - Thank you for responding. As of this date, I have not decided whether I will attend your meeting on June 24 - my hesitation in accepting your invitation is based in my concern that my presence may be a distraction to your meeting. As was previously discussed, the Town Council will consider several matters (all related to the land swap) at their June 17, 2008 public meeting. Due the lateness of the hour when the agenda

and related items were completed today, the agenda will not be posted on the website (as is normal practice) until Monday morning. Anticipating your interest and in an effort to provide the information as soon as possible I have attached all matters related to the land swap. Please note that there are four separate, but related, items to be considered.

I expect you or members of the Executive Committee will have questions regarding this matter; therefore I will do my best to be available to meet with you next week before the meeting.

**Thomas Hall,**  
**Scarborough Town Manager**

**From:** Pine Point Residents Association [<mailto:Pine-Point-Beach@maine.rr.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2009 6:39 AM  
**To:** Thomas Hall  
**Cc:** 'Carol Rancourt '; Mike Wood ; Michael Wood; Elaine Richer; Jack & Janet Callahan; [john@thurlow.com](mailto:john@thurlow.com); Judy Mushial (Judy Mushial); Judy Shirk ; 'Sue Perrino '  
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Tom,

Thank you for the clarification, but I do not see where this comment is posted on our website. It did appear in a recent e-mail from the Association Representatives, and would be happy to ask that it be clarified. We can either do a correction or forward your e-mail; any method you would like. As webmaster, my role is to do the technical work and to post what I receive or observe by way of reporting. It is the mission of the group to always be accurate and complete, and I'm sure this was not intended to misrepresent you. After all, it is full and open communication we are promoting.

I do know that members remain very anxious to meet with you to share the important history of our work over the past five years, as you agreed to do in October, and also to be brought into the formal discussions regarding Depot St., as Elaine, you and I discussed March 30<sup>th</sup>. As you saw last Wednesday, neighbors agree with you that this is "an important matter," and given the very limited information we've obtained and your intention to place this matter on the Council agenda prior to a study, the representatives decided (with considerable encouragement) to once again be proactive in their message; they want to be involved and slow down this process. They do not understand why this is not a topic for the committee to study given last fall's efforts and the Council's commitment.

Regarding the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, if you do decide to surprise Judy, it would be helpful to know if you will be there to observe or to participate. You're welcome and encouraged to do either, of course, but we'd like to acknowledge your role to avoid an awkward situation where residents engage you when you may only want to observe. If you do participate, then we would likely modify our agenda, which is no problem. As we've offered before, we could host another gathering as well. We will do anything it takes to obtain and provide information with you, particularly at this late hour as it appears you are close to an agreement with the motel owners.

On a related note, the reporter for the Forecaster has earned a reputation with us over the years for incomplete reporting and misquotation (we now only provide written statements because of her frequent errors over the years). So to clarify, we read:

"In addition to Hutchinson, several other members of the Pine Point group on Wednesday criticized Hall and the town, and Hall later said he would respond to the council regarding the "allegations leveled against the town (that) were patently false and unfair." While he said everyone has a right to their opinion, the allegations were "disturbing" and some of them confused the larger issue, hindering the town from continuing the land swap discussions. " - (Bickford, Forecaster, June 4, 2009)

If, by chance, these quotations, or the feelings they portray, are at all accurate, we certainly do hope you will respond. Mr. Hutchinson alone represented the Association and if that message contained

any inaccuracies or “disturbing” content, we would certainly want to clarify those as well. Again, honest and open communication is our goal.

Thank you for writing. I’ve passed this along to the others and look forward to your reply.

For the Association Representatives,

John

**From:** Thomas Hall [mailto:THall@ci.scarborough.me.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2009 8:51 AM  
**To:** Pine Point Residents Association  
**Subject:** RE: Spam: ~~~ PINE POINT NEWS ~~~

John – Just a point to clarify as regards your Association meeting, my comment to Judy was that I would be a distraction to the proceeding but did not outright decline the invitation, in fact I warned her that I might surprise her and show up. Most importantly, I expressed interest in hearing from anyone directly that has questions regarding the Town’s efforts and my actions to date and requested that Judy pass along this invitation. As a general comment, I would encourage you to confirm information before you post on the website and am disappointed that you post second-hand and incomplete information on such an important matter. I remain committed to enhancing beach access for the Pine Point Community and the general public.

***Thomas Hall,  
Scarborough Town Manager***

***Town of Scarborough***

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pine Point Residents Association [mailto:Pine-Point-Beach@maine.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2009 12:16 AM  
**To:** Pine Point Residents Association  
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To members of the Pine Point Residents Association and others on the Pine Point Mailing List:

The Association spoke at last Wednesday’s Council meeting concerning the land exchange discussions on Depot St. in front of the Lighthouse Motel. Several citizens also spoke and have provided their letters by e-mail, which are posted on our website.

On the Friday following that meeting, the Town Manager provided a sketch to Judy Shirk outlining some details of the plan being considered. You can view this sketch on the website along with the letters and a typically incomplete article from the Forecaster, the only paper to cover the story so far.

Council Chairman Mike Wood thanked the speakers and was complimentary of the Association’s work. You can now watch the meeting (and fast forward right to the part of the meeting you want) at the Town’s website. The public comments period is toward the very end of the meeting, so simply slide the timeline control at the bottom of the video screen and you will quickly locate that part.

<http://www.scarborough.me.us/council/documents/video/index.html>

A reminder of a very important meeting of the Association, potential members and anyone interested... on

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Engine 4, Pine Point Fire Barn.** Please help us spread the word. The Town Manager was invited but declined to attend. Nearby neighbors are encouraged to walk as parking is limited.

We will keep you updated of this most recent issue, and will provide a thorough update on all the others on the 24<sup>th</sup> with a slide show. One of the latest controversies surrounds the tax assessments in Pine Point, but the potential loss of Depot Street at the shore is a top priority. Fortunately, this Town Council appreciates public involvement and we're certain they will give us all voice.

Thank you. As always, please send email addresses of people you know who might like to stay informed. And please keep up with the news at [www.pinepointbeach.com](http://www.pinepointbeach.com).

Judy, Hutch, John, Elaine, Jack, Sue, Judy M  
Representatives of the Association

[www.pinepointbeach.com](http://www.pinepointbeach.com)

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The "**Pine Point Residents Association**" is an informal group of citizens who gather to deliberate local issues and present Position Statements to government officials. We only represent our members' collective positions. The Pine Point Ladies Auxiliary, Friends of Pine Point, Pillsbury Shores Association, and the various local established homeowners associations are different organizations. The Group also maintains an confidential e-mail list to share information with members and non-members who request mailings. We do not release the addresses of members on this list unless requested or authorized to do so by our members. Anyone who wants to be removed from this list can reply and request so in the subject line.