



PINE POINT Residents Association

Jeffrey Messer, Chairman
Scarborough Town Council
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August 28, 2008

Dear Chairman Messer and Members of the Town Council:

On August 21st the Pine Point Residents Group elected two individuals to share our one position on the Pine Point Study Committee. We hope this arrangement will be acceptable because a large number of our members are seasonal and the Study will not begin until September. If acceptable, Jack Callahan and Elaine Richer will decide between themselves who will attend each meeting. We understand our group has one representative at the table and assure you that these two people will act as one representative, and only one person will be present at the committee meetings to speak and participate. They will communicate between themselves and the larger group.

We also want Town officials to know that our group voted to adopt the name "Pine Point Residents Association" because it is referred to as "the Association" by many people and is often misquoted in the media that way. Since there is no Association in Pine Point any longer, and because our work has gone on much longer than expected, we felt it was important to our growing membership to formalize the name and the organization.

We received a draft copy of the minutes of the August 20th Council meeting (see last page) which stated that the deadline for the Committee's work is September 30th. Was that an error? This was the original deadline in the Manager's draft motion and was extended by the Council when it voted on this matter before. The deadline then was by year's end with encouragement to submit a report prior to the change in the Council. We wanted to bring that to your attention. This was a draft of the minutes provided by Carrie Noyes, so perhaps it was corrected.

Finally, those same minutes indicate that the Council did vote to add an additional citizen to the committee as we had requested in our latest correspondence (Order 08-88). We thank you for your effort to make the committee more balanced in its composition with a second citizen. The "resident at large" section of order 08-111 indicates that this person is "To Be Announced." Is there a process for selecting someone for that position? Can our Association help with that?

Finally, the order indicates that "a plan for the development of that [town-owned] parcel" will be the part of the scope of this committee. We want you to know that Mr. Wiggins, President of the Beachwalk Homeowners Association, told us on August 21st that he already had an approved plan for that area and intended to landscape it in September. He suggested that the area would be essentially fully vegetated. In the spirit of good communications and fostering positive relationships, we urge you to clarify this matter prior to any work being done to that parcel - before the committee addresses the Council's charge to the committee. It is true that the Planning Board did make landscaping of this area a condition of approval but it also required the developer to coordinate landscaping of it with the Town. (See Planning Board minutes July 17, 2006).

Thank you once again for your help. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your years of service to the Town and wish you the best as you "retire" from the Council. Please consider joining our Association. We know you love this area and our Association is open to anyone who shares our common goal of maintaining its character and respecting its rich history.

Sincerely,

Harold Hutchinson, Elaine Richer, John Thurlow, Judy Shirk, Jack Callahan, Sue Perrino, Judy Mushial
Representatives of the Pine Point Residents Association

Draft Minutes of August 20, 2008 Scarborough Town Council

Order No. 08-88. Act to amend the Pine Point Study Committee to include one additional resident at large. Motion by Chairman Messer, seconded by Councillor Rancourt, to move approval to amend the Pine Point Study Committee to include one additional resident at large member.

Vote: 5 yeas. 2 nays (Councillors Most and Wood).

Order No. 08-111. Act on the request to appoint representatives to the Pine Point Study Committee. Nick Truman owner of the Lighthouse Motel spoke on this order.

Motion by Councillor Wood, seconded by Chairman Messer, to move approval on the request to appoint a nine member study committee for the purpose of considering improvements to Pine Point Road between Grand Avenue and King Street to include the open space parcel granted the town in the Beach Walk Subdivision. The Committee shall consist of the following:

- 1 Representative from the Pine Point Resident's Association (Community at Large) - To be Announced
- 1 Representative from the Beach Walk Subdivision (abutter) - John Wiggin
- 1 Representative of the Sandy Dollar Motel (abutter) - Lily Serrecchia
- 1 Representative from the Lighthouse Motel (abutter) - Truman
- 1 Representative from Public Safety - Rob Carson
- The Assistant Town Planner - Jay Chace
- The Town Engineer - Jim Wendel
- The Director of Public Works - Mike Shaw
- 1 Representative from the Council - Carol Rancourt
- 1 Representative for a resident at large - To be Announced

The scope of study to be considered by the committee shall be limited to the following improvements: sidewalks, width of pavement, the curve or turning radius from Pine Point Road to King Street, how to incorporate access to the open space parcel provided b Beach Walk, a plan for the development of the parcel and the reworking of the directional island at the end of Pine Point Road to make it more aesthetically attractive.

The meetings of the committee will commence no sooner than September 2, 2008 (day after the Labor Day Holiday) and be complete by September 30, 2008. Meetings of the committee will be facilitated by a neutral party and an individual assigned to keep minutes of the proceedings. A report will be prepared by staff summarizing the committee's discussion and setting forth its recommendations. The cost of any improvements in addition to the maintenance of the road proposed by the Committee will be considered for funding in the FY 2010 budget.