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From: John Thurlow [john@thurlow.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 8:38 AM
To: 'Thomas Hall'; 'Pine Point Residents Association'
Cc: 'Carol Rancourt '; 'Mike Wood '; 'Elaine Richer'; 'Jack & Janet Callahan'; 'Judy Mushial (Judy Mushial)'; 'Judy Shirk '; 'Sue Perrino '
Subject: RE: Update Request
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Thank you for your reply, Tom. When discussing the proposal with the Town attorney, our group would appreciate it if you would inquire into the legal feasibility of the concept we wrote of earlier; that is that any plan for the area be put in place by “agreement” rather than “conveyance” until such time as the Town clearly knows the intended future of the abutting property. As we’ve stated, there has been and continues to be significant opposition to the land swap in principle without clear intentions on the future of the non-conforming commercial use abutting the street. Should the owners determine to modify their plans for that structure and its use in the near or distant future, the Town, we believe, must be in a position to review a temporary agreement on the use and configuration of the Depot St., the open space “Area A” and Motel parking strip insofar as those decisions are in the best interest of the Town.

Furthermore, you wrote, “I remain optimistic that the Town can negotiate a favorable deal that will vastly improve pedestrian safety and aesthetics in this area.” We would like to reiterate our long-held position that the neighborhood sentiment has been to reclaim and maintain Depot St. as a public street in some form or design that is clearly a public asset; that (as you saw in the previous engineering work that was done which we provided in our recent report) translates into safe pedestrian, bicycle AND appropriate vehicular use, along with aesthetically attractive green space and signage. That was the goal of the first committee in 2005, that would have been our input had Depot Street’s use been one of the charges of the latest committee, and it was part of the Beachwalk subdivisions early renderings to the Planning Board in response to Mr. Wood’s questions. Ron Owens called it the “Ocean Gateway” and there was tremendous support for his vision.

Thank you for considering posing this critically important ingredient in your discussions with our attorney.

For the group

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John – The Town continues to discuss the terms and relative merits of a possible land swap – I remain optimistic that the Town can negotiate a favorable deal that will vastly improve pedestrian safety and aesthetics in this area. I am meeting with the Town Attorney tomorrow to discuss process and legal mechanics of such a transaction. If things continue to move forward, the earliest the Town Council would consider something is in May. Finally, as regards “sketch plans”, nothing worthy of review exists yet as simply I have asked Jim Wendel to conduct an engineering analysis of the space and whether it is sufficient to accomplish our goals (as well as the Trumans). As promised, should this matter move forward, I will share the proposal with you when the time is right. Good luck at your meeting.

Tom Hall,
Scarborough Town Manager

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

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PINE POINT
Residents Association

Hi Tom,

We are having an Association meeting this evening and I've been asked to request an update on the conversations between Town officials and Lighthouse motel owners regarding Depot St.

Could you please let us know the latest? Councilor Rancourt indicated to Judy Shirk that there have been developments and perhaps some tentative plans.

You had mentioned in our meeting that Jim Wendel was preparing a sketch plan; we would appreciate an electronic copy of that to share tonight among the Association leaders. Finally, would you let us know the timing of any potential agreement? We renew our pledge not to release information prematurely and look forward to giving the town input on any potential plan.

Thank you.

For the Residents Association Leaders,

John Thurlow

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