

John Thurlow

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Subject: Letter from the Pine Point Residents Association Concerning Depot Street
Attachments: Wendel Plan May 09 Response to Esplanade and Sidewalk at Depot.jpg; Wendel Plan May 09 Pro Copy.jpg; Wendel Plan Presented to the Council January 7 2009.pdf



PINE POINT
Residents Association

May 31, 2009

Tom,

Thank you for your mail of last Friday following your meeting with Judy Shirk.

Over the last several months you have acknowledged each of our communications with a reply, which we appreciate. The Association wrote April 30th (you received it May 3rd) with additional information and simply wanted confirmation.

We've also been anxiously waiting to hear details of the land exchange discussions. When Elaine Richer and I met with you for the Association on March 30th you indicated you would bring us into the process, but not to "the table" because we were "toxic" to the Trumans. So we have waited patiently to enter the process, but that has not happened yet.

You also stated in an April 15th message that the matter might go to the Council in May at the earliest, then more recently on June 17th, at the earliest. Your e-mail of Friday confirmed receipt of our April 30th information, and we ask now when you intend to meet with our group to provide details of your discussions with the Trumans. You asked us to maintain discretion early in the process so as not to alarm people prematurely, but as these past two months have passed, we've been getting more and more questions as word of a land swap leaked from some source.

If you do, indeed, intend to have something on the Council's June 17th agenda, we're naturally concerned that it will be much too late for our members to learn of the details and respond.

That notwithstanding, we met Saturday after learning a few details from you through Judy following your Friday meeting. We have adopted the position that whatever plans have been discussed should be fully disclosed at each stage, particularly if attorneys are at work and the Council is involved in this matter in executive session. Furthermore, adoption by the Council of any plan should follow a thoughtful public process consistent with the Council's approach to the road reconstruction. In fact, Depot St. was a "parking lot" issue from the last committee (meaning it would be taken up later), and Mike Wood made it clear last summer that a successful conclusion to the "narrow, focused study" of the road reconstruction would mean we could move to the matter of Depot Street, which remains among our priorities. Other Council members agreed.

The Association will present this position to the Council on June 3rd during the public comment section.

In a related matter, we had asked on March 30th and again in an e-mail on April 21st if you would provide an improved visual of the Pine Point Study Committee's final road design so we could inform our members. The hand-sketch presented to the Town Council in January had little detail and was difficult to understand. You responded, but we did not receive a plan until May 18th. The timing of

it is less important because we postponed our first membership meeting due to the uncertainty of the land exchange issue, but when we did receive it we were impressed by its details, but distressed by its content.

The plan accurately reflected the recommendations of the committee with the exception of one of the most important issues for the Association – the barrier to Depot St. You will recall that the agreement was for a “Cape Cod” curb to extend across Depot St. to define the “intersection” and this would curve into the road. It would be low profile so as to eliminate one of our chief objections – the appearance of Depot St. as private motel property. Ron Owens and Jim Wendel assured us that a vehicle, including emergency vehicles, could easily drive over the curb if necessary.

The May 18th plan shows this curb, but it also shows an esplanade and sidewalk across the road. That was clearly not a recommendation and would certainly have been a major objection. If constructed as shown, this would become the most formidable barrier to the public road that has ever existed there, and there have been at least three over the past two decades. The attached annotated plan requests that the visual be revised to accurately reflect the committee’s conclusions before this plan is made public by the Town. Please do respond to this request as soon as you are able because our full membership will be meeting June 24th and will be viewing the painted outline on the road and visiting the Town property.

Thank you.

John
For the Pine Point Association Representatives

Attachments: Wendel Plans before and after, Assn. annotated plan

From: Thomas Hall [mailto:THall@ci.scarborough.me.us]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Pine Point Residents Association
Cc: Michael Wood; Carol Rancourt
Subject: RE: Spam: Letter from the Pine Point Residents Association Concerning Depot Street

John et. Al. – I have been asked several times whether I will be responding to your letter. Frankly, I am not sure which letter you are referring to. If it is the most recent communication of May 3, 2009 I do not see that a response is requested. I very much appreciate the information that you have provided regarding the history of related matters and I assure you that I have kept them in mind as I continue to discuss the possibility of a land swap with the Truman’s. As I explained to Judy Shirk last week and again today, those discussions are proceeding, but the earliest something would go before the Town Council is June 17, 2009. That is all I am at liberty to say at this juncture as the discussions are in process and any agreement remains tentative at best. Please advise if there is a specific response you are expecting.

Thomas Hall,
Scarborough Town Manager

From: Pine Point Residents Association [mailto:Pine-Point-Beach@maine.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2009 10:49 PM
To: 'Carol Rancourt '; Chris Vaniotis ; Judy Roy ; Karen D'Andrea; Michael Wood; Mike Wood ; Richard Sullivan ; Ron Ahlquist; Shawn Babine ; Shawn Babine; Tody Justice; Thomas Hall
Cc: Elaine Richer; Jack & Janet Callahan; john@thurlow.com; Judy Mushial (Judy Mushial); Judy Shirk ; 'Sue Perrino'
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Thomas Hall, Town Manager
Members of the Scarborough Town Council

Attached, please find a letter from the Pine Point Residents Association regarding Depot St. The document is in PDF format and may take a moment to download. If you have difficulty reading the file, it can be viewed on our website at www.pinepointbeach.com. We would be grateful for your consideration of the views we outline and, as always, thank you for giving citizens a voice in community decisions and for your service to the Town.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring season,

Sincerely:

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

Attachment

Disclaimer

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.