



Pine Point Community-wide Meeting Summary

Held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at The Clambake

Thank you to the more than **114 community members** who attended Tuesday evening's Community-wide Meeting at The Clambake.

We also appreciate the participation of our town officials, who provided updates and answered questions from attendees:

- Division Fire Chief Gary Sandler
- Fire Chief Rich Kindelan
- Police Lieutenant Craig Hebert
- Police Sergeant Travis Hon
- Town Manager Tom Hall

For those who were unable to attend, below is a summary of the discussion.

Welcome

George Mageles, President of the Pine Point Association (PPA), welcomed attendees and introduced the evening's speakers.



Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Rich Kindelan provided an overview of Fire District 4 operations.

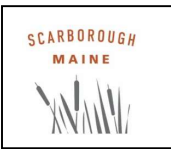
- The Pine Point Fire Station does not have permanent staff assigned year-round. During the school year, firefighter students typically reside at the station, and volunteer firefighters also respond to calls.
- Fire and EMS coverage for Pine Point is now primarily provided from the Dunstan Fire Station, with anticipated response times of less than five minutes.
- Following the Driftwood fire, improvements have been made to water pressure and water availability. Maine Water and Gorham Sand & Gravel completed water main upgrades this spring. They both did a great job. Results of recent pressure testing are expected to meet applicable standards, increasing the water volume by approximately three times. Actual testing results will be shared with the PPA.
- Several attendees expressed appreciation for the work completed by Gorham Sand & Gravel and Maine Water.
- The Pine Point Fire Station will be fully staffed with both a pumper truck and an ambulance on July 4 from at least 5:00 p.m. until midnight.
- Marine resources are shared among the Fire Department, EMS, and Police Department. Harbormaster Daryen Granata also serves as a police officer.
- The Chief also discussed the extensive planning and coordination that supports emergency responses to both natural and man-made disasters.



Police Department Update

Lieutenant Craig Hebert and Sergeant Travis Hon discussed Police District 2 operations.

- Police staffing has increased since last summer, allowing for additional patrols during the busy season.
- The Town's Traffic Calming Initiative was reviewed. Scarborough has equipment available to measure traffic volume and vehicle speeds before evaluating potential improvements. The PPA has submitted two requests for traffic studies and is awaiting the next steps from the Town.
- Town Manager Tom Hall noted that a temporary speed table has been installed on Ocean Avenue at Higgins Beach for a six to eight week pilot program.
- A roving Parking Enforcement Officer will patrol seven days a week throughout the summer to help address congestion and parking violations.
- Attendees raised concerns about speeding on King Street and Jones Creek Drive, as well as excessive motorcycle noise on East Grand Avenue.
- Attendees also discussed confusion regarding the traffic pattern at the intersection of Pine Point Road, East Grand Avenue, Jones Creek Drive, and King Street. One attendee suggested evaluating a traffic circle. Town Manager Hall noted that the intersection has not experienced a high number of crashes.



Town Manager Update

Town Manager Tom Hall addressed several community topics.

- Parking on Jones Creek Drive has been reconfigured. While the original estimate projected a reduction from 35 to 19 spaces, the current layout includes 27 parking spaces and seven cross-hatched no-parking areas. The PPA plans to gather community feedback that may be shared with the Town before final paving and striping this fall.
- Road paving throughout the Pine Point peninsula is scheduled for late September through early October. The project is expected to include all peninsula roads except the Co-op parking lot. Mr. Hall agreed to review whether Avenue One Extension and Dunefield Lane are included.
- The Town has updated its ordinance limiting the length of vehicles permitted to park in marked spaces.
- The East Grand Avenue Complete Streets project has been deferred. A smaller project to address needed sidewalk repairs/replacements is being contemplated by the town.
- Plans to implement hourly paid parking remain on hold.
- Last year's improvements at Hurd Park totaled approximately \$130,000. No updates were available regarding bathhouse improvements, although the need for additional public restroom facilities was acknowledged. The Avenue 5/Hurd Park walking path will not be paved this year.
- At Snowberry Park, the drinking water/dog water/foot wash dispenser has been replaced, and additional landscaping and weeding are planned.
- PPA beautification efforts at the Co-op are continuing in coordination with the Town. Several alternatives have been discussed but have not yet been finalized. Replacement of the Co-op restroom doors is also planned.
- Attendees asked about increasing beach cleaning frequency. Town staff indicated that additional cleanings are not currently feasible because of budget constraints.

Door Prize Drawing

The meeting concluded with a drawing for four PPA tote bags containing PPA merchandise and a \$50 gift card generously donated by Susan Clough of Bayley's Lobster Pound, one of PPA's business members.

Special thanks to The Clambake for hosting the event. The Clambake is also a PPA business member.

Community Feedback

Concern cards submitted during the meeting reflected many of the same topics discussed throughout the evening.

- Safety concerns—including sidewalks, crosswalks, and speeding—were mentioned in approximately 90% of responses.
- Beach cleanliness was mentioned five times.
- Several attendees also commented that they found the meeting informative and appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from Town officials.

Contact Pine Point Association

For additional information, please visit the PPA website at PinePointAssociation.org. We also encourage residents to use the **Contact Us** feature to submit questions, concerns, or suggestions.