

AGENDA
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3, 2024
JOINT WORKSHOP WITH SCHOOL BOARD RE:
FY2025 MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL BUDGETS – 5:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING

TO VIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING & OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT:

<https://scarboroughmaine.zoom.us/j/84717936177>

TO VIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ONLY:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD5Y8CFy5HpXMftV3xX73aw>

Item 1. Call to Order.

Item 2. Those Present.

Item 3. Discussion on the proposed [FY2025 Municipal/School Budgets](#).

Item 4. Adjournment.

2025 Budget Joint Workshop Discussion Guide

Workshop Objective: Discuss and share Councilor and Board Member reactions to the 2025 Budget Proposal to guide Finance Committee work through the budget process

PART 1. General Reflections and Thoughts

Objective: Share what is top of mind for each Councilor & Board Member on the Proposal

- 1-2 minutes for each individual to reflect on what was presented on March 27th and share their initial thoughts or reactions

PART 2. Guiding Questions for discussion

Objective: Provide specific actions for committee consideration as they work through budget

- Goal:
 - The Council set a net budget goal of less than 5%. Is the Council still committed to this goal? Are there other considerations?
- Level Services Funding Strategy:
 - What do we agree are the critical investments that need to be made to maintain level services in 2025?
 - Is there general agreement that getting 7 Town and School contracts to market wages in FY25 is THE most critical objective of the budget?
- Discretionary Investments/New Programs:
 - Are there any discretionary items that you find compelling that should be prioritized and invested in FY2025?
 - Are there discretionary items that you think need more information or justification to get your support?
 - Are there items you feel strongly should be deferred?
 - Is there anything that was not included in the budget proposal you think needs to be explored or revisited?
 - Do you have any thoughts on new FTE requests for 2025?
- Capital:
 - Is there any guidance or thoughts on how we may want to prioritize and manage capital requests this year to minimize tax impact? (e.g. funding sources, top priorities)
 - For appropriated capital on a schedule, is there any perspective on timing?
- Funding Sources:
 - Given the unique year, to what degrees should the Council authorize the use fund balance to help stabilize the tax rate?
- Revaluation:
 - While quantifying the impacts of the Revaluation are still in process, is there anything you need to know at the April 17th workshop that may impact your perspective on budget choices for 2025?

- General Comments:
 - Do you have any specific requests for the finance committees as we start to do our work throughout April?
 - What unanswered questions do you have to date that can be explored by the committees?

PART 3. Communications:

Objective - Define general messaging for the public from the Council

- As we communicate more about the budget, what are the key messages we want the public to know as we work through the budget process?

PART 4 Summary and Next Steps:

Objective - Summarize any key consensus points and actions for committees to take as we work through the process.

- Finance Committee Chairs to summarize next steps from the discussion for both committees to take action on as we work through the budget process.