

Town of Scarborough
Parks and Conservation Land Board

Agenda

Thursday February 29, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Town Hall – Council Chambers B

1. Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2024
3. Public comments
4. Town Council goal to make committee meetings hybrid
 - a. Board Secretary
5. Citizen questions to Town Council related to PCLB (attached)
6. Updates
 - a. Remaining bond authorization report
 - b. Bond referendum
 - i. Town Council recommendation letter submitted January 19, 2024
 - ii. Scarborough Land Trust letter submitted January 25, 2024
 - iii. Conservation Commission drafting a letter
 - iv. Town Council next steps
 - c. Ad-Hoc Open Space Committee
 - d. Success/20-year report
7. Qualitative Assessment Form
8. Items for next agenda

2024 Scheduled Meetings

At 10:00 AM at Town Hall – Council Chambers B

April 11

June 13

September 12

November 14

Citizen questions to Town Council related to PCLB and response in **BOLD** provided February 14.

1. In the land that the land bond is used to support SLT purchasing land, does the town of Scarborough require any language giving rights, benefits or other constraints to the land? Or, once used to purchase, is the Land Trust able to do as they please (example: Restrict Mountain Biking, Cut Trails, Add Parking Lots). They are a private owner as I understand it and therefore can make their own rules, if or if not in line with the town's goals. Long term, is this a risk?

The Town does not have specific requirements for the parcels of land acquired using Land Bond funds. Any Town requirements are on a case-by-case basis. That does not mean that there are no requirements/constraints on the land as the Town has historically been a partial funder of conservation acquisitions and other funders may have requirements.

2. In addition, SLT is buying most of the large parcels in the town. Do you place any limit, when using taxpayer money, on what type of property they can purchase? Should the tax money provided to them be focused on marsh management, floodzones? Certain areas of Scarborough? What is your strategy with this company buying so much land, often with the assistance of taxpayers? SLT property is privately owned property that is not all equally open to the public. Example, Pleasant Hill does not allow hunting. No properties allow mountain biking.

The Land Bond funds can only be used to acquire real estate, or interests in real estate, as defined in Article XXII (Parks and Conservation Land Board), in order to:

- 1. Preserve land in its natural state; or,**
- 2. Protect a natural resource, or a historical site; or,**
- 3. Provide for recreational use.**

The Parks and Conservation Land Board reviews all applications submitted for Land Bond funds based on the Acquisition Evaluation Process developed 20 years ago.

Generally speaking, it evaluates properties for the following:

- To provide or maintain public access.**
- To allow passive or active recreation.**
- To conserve water quality, natural resources, or other natural areas.**
- To provide easements for walking or biking trails.**
- To preserve significant historic sites.**
- To preserve sites which can be considered part of the character of the community.**
- To add to existing conservation and public access.**

The Parks and Conservation Land Board makes recommendations for Land Bond funding, the Town Council determines whether or not to provide funding.

3. Do you have a map, list or other public document that shows every piece of property that was either given to SLT by the town or that SLT purchased using part of the tax bond? Can you provide that list publically in the next 30 days?

No such specific map currently exists. However, you can find the interactive Conservation Recreation mapping layer on the Town’s website at [Scarborough Parcel Viewer \(cgis-solutions.com\)](http://ScarboroughParcelViewer.cgis-solutions.com). It includes the “owner name” field which can be used to identify Scarborough Land Trust properties.

4. How much money remains in the current land bond and can you provide how it has been spent so far and what is pending against it currently?

The remaining Land Bond authorization is \$1.4 million.

2019 Land Bond	\$2,500,000
649 U.S. Route 1 Governor William King Temple	-\$396,098
196 Gorham Road	-\$200,000
91 Burnham Road	-\$140,000
00 Gorham Road	-\$130,000
50 Hanson Road	-\$210,000

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1/7/2021	649 U.S. ROUTE 1 - GOVERNOR WILLIAM KING TEMPLE	PURCHASE	(354,141.63)
1/7/2021	649 U.S. ROUTE 1 - GOVERNOR WILLIAM KING TEMPLE	TITLE CO.	(100.00)
2/4/2021	649 U.S. ROUTE 1 - GOVERNOR WILLIAM KING TEMPLE	ARCHITCTURAL /ENGINEERING	(1,552.02)
9/8/2021	649 U.S. ROUTE 1 - GOVERNOR WILLIAM KING TEMPLE	ROOF REPLACEMENT	<u>(30,304.71)</u>
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9/21/2023	00 GORHAM ROAD - END OF FINCH WAY	PURCHASE	<u>(130,000.00)</u>
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