

**MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
HYBRID REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**

Item 1. Call to Order. Chairman McGee called the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call. Roll was called by Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager and Kristen Barth, Deputy Town Clerk, were also present. Councilors present:

Councilor April V. Sither - Vice Chair	Councilor Jean-Marie Caterina
Councilor Donald W. Cushing, Jr.	Councilor Donald R. Hamill
Councilor Karin B. Shupe	Councilor Jonathan E. Anderson
Chairman Nicholas S. McGee	

Prior to public comments, Chairman McGee asked that those individuals who wished to make public comments not related to the Gorham Connector would speak prior to those wish to. He asked everyone to be respectful, give your name for the record and you have three minutes.

Item 4. General Public Comments.

- Darlene Smith of Bickford Street, wanted to thank those who were responsible for the Eastern Trail clean up. It's the best he has seen it in 10 years, kudos to whoever is responsible, thank you.
- Nina McKee of Black Point Road, voiced her concerns on the Gorham Connector and felt that it would open the door for further develop and more traffic. She urged the Council to not invade Smiling Hill Farm as it is a cherished part of our Community.
- Michael Knight owner of Smiling Hill Farm, thanked everyone for their support and went on to voice why he did not support the Gorham Connector. If the connector were to be built, the farm probably would not survive. He went to state all that the farm had to offer to the community.
- Ben Wallace of County Road, noted that he was a 12th generation farmer at Smiling Hill Farm and my daughter is the 13th generation farmer. He then on to stated why he did not support the connector and asked the Council to rescind the MOA with the Maine Turnpike Authority.
- Eric Kummel of Trout Unlimited, spoke on behalf of the group and its many members on how the area would be impacted by the proposed highway. He then went on to speak specifically on the what would happen to Red Brook.
- Beth Della Valle a Portland native and a land use planner. She went on to state why this project was not good for the area. She supported the last speaker and No is the answer here we have to find better solutions.
- Jason Plummer of Running Hill Road, state that when he bought his property, he didn't think anyone would be closer to him then they were right now. Now, there is a project that could come right through my backyard. He went on to voice his objection to the Gorham Connector.
- Patty Barber, stated that she grew up in Scarborough and went to speak about the dangers to Red Brook if the Connector were to go through.
- Rebecca Lilley of Ridge Road and co-owner of Smiling Hill Farm, spoke how she might not be able to support the land bond in November if the Council goes forth and does not rescind their support for the Gorham Connector.
- Carol Waig of Steep Falls, voiced her concerns regarding the connector, which she did not support. She was a former Councilor in Windham and made a number of tough decisions that

she was not proud of. She asked the Council to fact check everything. Your decision does not just affect Scarborough and Gorham, it affects every community in Maine.

- Jeff Lavine of Portland and Board Chair of Grow Smart Maine, noted that in April the Board of Directors unanimously approved a position on this project and went to highlight some of the points on opposition to the Connector.
- Lou Simms of Gorham and a Gorham Town Councilor and wanted to clarify that he was here not speaking on behalf of the town, but just as a concerned citizen. He stated that a number of residents had reached out to him to tell him that they do not want this connector. He then went on to voice why this project would have a profound negative impact on the communities around them here in Southern Maine.
- Tina Ruel of Joseph Drive of Gorham, spoke of her trip overseas and the use of public transportation, never using a car. There are other alternatives of transportation that can be looked at like busses, trains, bikes and walking.
- Georgia Dennison of County Road, stated that the Gorham highway is a terrible one and went to voice her voice her concerns with the proposed Gorham Connector.
- Zoe Miller of Portland and representing Moving Maine Network which a coalition that focuses on improving Transportation access for people who can't drive and people who struggle to afford transportation and commented on ways to accommodate this audience that would provide the independence and the access to opportunity that individuals are often getting shut out of.
- Stanis Moody-Roberts of County Road, voiced the concerns of a neighbor who could possibly lose her home because of the Connector and feels threaten by the MTA. He too also felt the same way. No matter how lines are drawn, it will affect someone. He asked the Council to withdraw from the Memorandum of Agreement.
- Andrea Giddings of County Road, noted that she teaches in the Scarborough Schools I commute daily in rush hour traffic on 114 and finds the traffic problem to be overstated. She would like to see less harmful solutions that should be considered before resorting to this project.
- Stacy Brenner of Broadturn Road and State Senator for District 30, which includes all of Gorham and most of Scarborough. She voiced her support for Smiling Hill Farm. She spent some time looking at the GPCOG Transportation Studies and what they all point to is that the public wants other options besides cars and highways, they want to ride bikes they want to get on a bus they want to be able to walk.
- Ruth Libby of County Road, spoke against the Gorham Connector and asked that all Town Councilors hear what the speakers on both sides had to say and hoped that one day soon we would see people safely walking and riding bicycles throughout North Scarborough
- Paul Drinan the Active Transportation Director for the Bicycling Coalition of Maine [BCM], stated that in June of 2022, the BCM released a statement officially opposing the proposed highway expansion, title the Gorham Connector Project. He then went on to voice why BCM opposed the project.

Chairman McGee closed public comment was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Item 5. Minutes: September 4, 2024 - Town Council Meeting. Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval of meeting minutes of the September 4, 2024, regular Town Council meeting, as written.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Item 6. Adjustment to the Agenda. Chairman McGee asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Anderson, to move approval to act on a resolution to withdraw the Town of Scarborough's support from the Gorham Connector as proposed by the Maine Turnpike Authority [copies were provided] and ask that it be put at the top of the agenda, out of respect for all those present.

At this point the Town Clerk the in order for the Council to add an item to the agenda they need to suspend the rules to add an item and that it would take a vote of 5 to do so.

Motion by Councilor Cushing, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda.

Chairman McGee called for the vote; however, Councilor Sither asked if the Council could discuss the merits of adding an item to the agenda? The Town Clerk stated Yes, they could. At that point Councilor Sither withdrew her vote as she was not ready until discussion took place on the request to suspend as was the Council Chair.

Councilor Hamill called for a point of order, isn't that suggestion out of order, that we discuss the motion? Chairman McGee noted that there was a motion on the floor.

Councilor discussion ensued around the agenda and the process that is followed to bring an agenda forward. Councilor Anderson noted that in 118 of Chapter 302 – items filed for meetings are to be placed on an agenda. He had filed a resolve on September 6th to be added to the agenda and it was not.

Councilor Sither and Chairman McGee noted that past practice of the Council had always been not take a vote on an item when it has been the topic at the workshop prior to a Council meeting. To give the Council time to digest any new material, it would be placed on the next meeting agenda. It had been the intent of Leadership to place Councilor Anderson's resolve on the October 2nd meeting. What is being asked this evening, the public has not even seen. Further discussion ensued.

Vote to suspend the rules: 4 Yeas. 3 Nays [Chairman McGee, Councilors Caterina and Sither].
Motion Fails.

Chairman McGee called for a brief recess at 8:28 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Item 7. Items to be signed: a. Treasurer's Warrants. Treasurer's Warrants were signed prior to the meeting.

Item 8. Town Manager's Report. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave the following updates:

- **Eastern Trail - Close The Gap** -
 - All Use Rights secured
 - Application Fees paid to MDEP and Army Corps of Engineers
 - Review of available funds
 - Solicitation of Bids anticipated for mid October 2024
- **Veteran Banner Request** -
 - American Legion proposal for Memorial Park
- **Election Update** -
 - Ballots in process
 - Absentee Ballot Requests available - 1300+ applications received
 - Early Voting starts on October 7th - PSB Classroom, 7 AM to 5 PM
 - Candidates Night - Sept. 25th @ 6:30 PM coordinated by SCC

- **Upcoming Workshops** -
 - September 18th - Gorham Connector
 - October 2nd - Downs Project Update
 - October 16th - Larrabee Farms Contract Zone - Joint Meeting
- **School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC2)** -
 - Charge adopted by TC and BoE
 - Applications for At-Large Members open - review in early Oct.
 - Solicitation for consultants underway
- **ICMA Conference** -
 - Pittsburgh, PA - Out of the Office September 23rd and 24th
- **Air Traffic Flight Patterns** -
 - Different flight patterns in and out of the jetport –
 - Mr. Woods, Representative to the Jetport Noise Committee would be looking into this.
- **Road Update** -
 - Construction project on Mitchell Hill Road relating to the replacement of the culvert in early 2025.
 - Permanent speed table would be in put in place on Maple Avenue next week.

Mr. Hall responded to questions from the council

Order No. 24-081, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing and second reading on the following new requests for a Cannabis Establishment License, for Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facilities:

- **Wei Xin Qiu, located at 10 Snow Canning Road, Unit 7**
- **Hung Do, d/b/a Platinum Smoke, LLC, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-B**
- **Joseph Tran, d/b/a Shark Tank Strategies, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-A**

[Assistant Town Manager] Kristen Barth, Deputy Town Clerk, gave a brief update on this Order.

Motion by Chairman McGee, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval to divide the question.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this was a public hearing, therefore public comments needed to be heard.

The following individuals spoke on this Order:

- Nina McKee of Black Point Road, spoke on this order and asked if the Town has a limit on these types of licenses and if there are inspections.
- Chris McNeil of Coastal Remedies, asked the Council to support the requests for 3 Commercial Road and he would get the property owner to come in and pay the registration fee.
- Paula Corbeau-O'Brien of Pond View Drive, spoke on the smell that came from the Cannabis Business at 3 Commercial Drive and she and her neighbors would continue to call each time there is an odor. She did not support these requests.
- Mike Shannon of Snow Canning Road also spoke on this Order.

There being no further comments either for or against, the hearing was at 8:51 p.m.

It was noted that the main motion needed to be placed on the floor before a motion to divide the question could be made.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval of the second reading on Order No. 24-081, as written.

Motion by Chairman McGee, seconded by Councilor Caterina, to move approval to divide the question and to take 10 Snow Canning as one item and the requests from 3 Commercial Drive as another item.

Vote to Divide: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval on the request from Wei Xin Qiu, located at 10 Snow Canning Road, Unit 7 for a Cannabis Establishment License, for Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility.

Vote: 6 Yeas. 1 Nay [Councilor Hamill]. Motion Passes.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval on the new requests for a Cannabis Establishment License, for Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facilities from Hung Do, d/b/a Platinum Smoke, LLC, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-B and Joseph Tran, d/b/a Shark Tank Strategies, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-A

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval to table the new requests for a Cannabis Establishment License, for Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facilities from Hung Do, d/b/a Platinum Smoke, LLC, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-B and Joseph Tran, d/b/a Shark Tank Strategies, located at 3 Commercial Road #201-A, to the October 4, 2024, Town Council meeting.

Vote: 6 Yeas. 1 Nay [Councilor Hamill]. Motion Passes.

Order No. 24-082, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing and second reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 303 – the Town of Scarborough Personnel Ordinance. [*Assistant Town Manager/Human Resource Director*] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order. Chairman McGee opened the public hearing. There being no comments either for or against, the hearing was at 8:57 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval of the second reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 303 – the Town of Scarborough Personnel Ordinance.

After a brief discussion with regards to need further information, the following motion to table was made:

Motion by Councilor Sither, seconded by Councilor Caterina, to move approval to table this Order to the October 2, 2024, Town Council meeting so further information relating to the fiscal note reflecting the proposed changes, before the Council takes final action.

Vote to Table: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Order No. 24-084, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing and action on the new request for a Cannabis Establishment License from Brandon Albert d/b/a Alby, LLC, located at 20 Snow Canning Road for a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility. [Tabled from the September 4, 2024, Town Council Meeting.] [*Assistant Town Manager*] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order. Chairman McGee opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke on this Order:

- Darlene Smith of Bickford Street, spoke of this Order and asked that this business have a Unit Number.

- Dave Rabideau of Bickford Street, stated that if these licenses we not ready, why aren't they being denied.

There being no further comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 9:09 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval on the new request for a Cannabis Establishment License from Brandon Albert d/b/a Alby, LLC, located at 20 Snow Canning Road for a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facility.

Vote: 0 Yeas. 7 Nays. Motion Fails due to the applicant not being in compliance with the Ordinance and failed inspections.

Order No. 24-085, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing and action on the renewal requests for Junkyard Permits, pursuant to Title 30-A – M.R.S.A. Chapter 183: A. Gagnon or E. Perry Iron & Metal, located at Rigby Road; Speedway Auto, located at 343 Payne Road, SVR New England, LP d/b/a Scarborough Recycling, located at 40 Holmes Road and Goldstein Steel, located at 36 Running Hill Road. [Town Clerk] Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk, gave a brief overview on this Order. Chairman McGee opened the public hearing. There being no comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval on the renewal requests for Junkyard Permits, pursuant to Title 30-A – M.R.S.A. Chapter 183: A. Gagnon or E. Perry Iron & Metal, located at Rigby Road; Speedway Auto, located at 343 Payne Road, SVR New England, LP d/b/a Scarborough Recycling, located at 40 Holmes Road and Goldstein Steel, located at 36 Running Hill Road.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Order No. 24-086, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing and action on the following new requests for a Food Handlers License: Jossie Papanikolaou, d/b/a Stack Scarborough, located at 183 US Route One and Nadia Norikoff, d/b/a Tried & True, LLC, located at 148B Pleasant Hill Road; and Arthur Oliviera, d/b/a Rare, LLC, located at 10 Snow Canning Road, Unit A. [Town Clerk] Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk, gave a brief overview on this Order. Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk, gave a brief overview on this Order. Chairman McGee opened the public hearing. There being no comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 9:18 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval on the following new requests for a Food Handlers License: Jossie Papanikolaou, d/b/a Stack Scarborough, located at 183 US Route One and Nadia Norikoff, d/b/a Tried & True, LLC, located at 148B Pleasant Hill Road; and Arthur Oliviera, d/b/a Rare, LLC, located at 10 Snow Canning Road, Unit A.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Order No. 24-087. First reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 1301, the General assistance Ordinance, pursuant to Title 22, M.R.S.A §4305 (4). [General Assistance] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order.

Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval of the first reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 1301, the General assistance Ordinance, pursuant to Title 22, M.R.S.A §4305 (4) and schedule a public hearing and second reading for Wednesday, October 2, 2024, as follows:

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled, that the Appendices A – H of Chapter 1301 - the General Assistance Ordinance for the Town of Scarborough, Maine, is amended as follows:

Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/24-09/30/25

2024-2025 GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	969	1,068	1,367	1,638	2,333
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,139	1,280	1,689	2,131	2,476
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	881	965	1,232	1,608	1,947
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	874	884	1,169	1,464	1,603

Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,451	1,663	2,141	2,715	3,332
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	969	1,159	1,413	1,939	2,335
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,192	1,261	1,567	2,039	2,297
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,371	1,444	1,905	2,589	3,305

*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	766	842	1,043	1,421	1,524
Franklin County	807	893	1,174	1,558	1,764
Hancock County	1,096	1,102	1,307	1,734	1,740
Kennebec County	943	946	1,214	1,529	1,784
Knox County	935	94613	1,163	1,550	1,657
Lincoln County	1,037	1,076	1,332	1,733	2,154
Oxford County	873	878	1,072	1,514	1,761
Piscataquis County	777	860	1,131	1,398	1,689
Somerset County	897	931	1,140	1,487	1,612

Waldo County	1,075	1,085	1,305	1,620	2,219
Washington County	838	846	1,101	1,508	1,598

* Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Appendix B
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2024-2025 FOOD MAXIMUMS

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the [U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan](#). As of October 1, 2023, those amounts are:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Maximum</u>
1	\$ 67.91	\$ 292.00
2	124.65	536.00
3	178.60	768.00
4	226.74	975.00
5	269.30	1,158.00
6	323.26	1,390.00
7	357.21	1,536.00
8	408.37	1,756.00

Note: For each additional person add \$220 per month.

Appendix C
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2024-2025 GA HOUSING MAXIMUMS (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	144	619	174	748
1	152	654	191	822
2	186	798	237	1,019
3	261	1,123	324	1,393
4	270	1,162	347	1,492
<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	154	660	184	789

1	164	705	203	873
2	216	929	267	1,150
3	293	1,260	356	1,530
4	326	1,402	403	1,732
Hancock County				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	224	964	251	1,079
1	224	964	252	1,083
2	253	1,087	299	1,284
3	341	1,467	397	1,707
4	341	1,467	397	1,707
Kennebec County				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	189	811	215	926
1	189	811	216	927
2	231	994	277	1,191
3	294	1,262	349	1,502
4	339	1,459	407	1,752

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Knox County				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	187	803	214	918
1	187	803	216	927
2	219	943	265	1,140
3	298	1,283	354	1,523
4	310	1,332	378	1,625
Lincoln County				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	210	905	237	1,020
1	211	906	246	1,057
2	259	1,112	304	1,309
3	341	1,466	397	1,706
4	425	1,829	493	2,122
Oxford County				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	179	770	206	885
1	179	770	207	891
2	224	965	270	1,162
3	304	1,308	360	1,548
4	359	1,544	427	1,837

<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	147	630	177	759
1	156	672	195	840
2	206	886	257	1,107
3	256	1,100	319	1,370
4	309	1,327	385	1,657
<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	178	765	205	880
1	178	765	212	912
2	214	920	260	1,117
3	284	1,220	339	1,460
4	299	1,287	367	1,580

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	219	943	246	1,058
1	219	943	248	1,066
2	252	1,085	298	1,282
3	315	1,353	370	1,593
4	440	1,894	509	2,187
<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	164	706	191	821
1	164	706	192	827
2	205	882	251	1,078
3	289	1,241	344	1,481
4	296	1,273	364	1,566

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly ⁹⁸	Weekly	Monthly
0	195	837	221	952
1	209	841	244	1,049
2	267	1,147	312	1,344
3	344	1,447	399	1,717
4	467	2,008	535	2,301
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	234	1,007	261	1,122

1	258	1,110	293	1,261
2	342	1,469	387	1,666
3	434	1,864	489	2,104
4	500	2,151	568	2,444

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	174	749	201	864
1	185	795	220	946
2	235	1,012	281	1,209
3	312	1,341	368	1,581
4	377	1,622	445	1,915

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	173	742	199	857
1	173	742	201	86536
2	221	949	266	1,105
3	278	1,197	334	1,383
4	297	1,278	365	1,507

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	307	1,319	334	1,434
1	347	1,493	382	1,644
2	447	1,921	492	2,118
3	569	2,448	625	2,688
4	699	3,007	767	3,300

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	195	834	221	95223
1	230	989	265	1,140
2	277	1,193	323	1,390
3	389	1,672	445	1,912
4	467	2,010	536	2,303

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	247	1,060	273	1,175
1	254	1,091	289	1,242
2	313	1,347	359	1,544
3	412	1,772	468	2,012
4	459	1,972	527	2,265

<u>York/Kittery/ S. Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly

0	288	1,239	315	1,354
1	296	1,274	331	1,425
2	370	1,685	438	1,882
3	540	2,322	596	2,562
4	693	2,980	76131	3,273

Appendix D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the “maximums” established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) **Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$85.50
2	\$22.52	\$96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) **Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water:** The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses *excluding* heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

Appendix E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

Appendix F -PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

Appendix G

Effective: 10/01/24-09/30/25

2024-2025 Mileage Rate

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel, etc. is 50 cents (50 ¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8402 or visit <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>

Appendix H

Effective: 10/01/24-9/30/25

Funeral Maximums

Burial Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,620**. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of

the funeral director’s direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,125.**

The municipality’s obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director’s direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

2024-2025 GA Housing Maximums

Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/01/2024-09/30/2025

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>		<u>Oxford County⁹²</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>		<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$133.70	\$575.400		\$144.90	\$623.70
<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>		<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>		<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$142.10	\$758.10		\$136.50	\$588.00

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$176.40	\$758.10

<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$148.40	\$638.40

<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$151.20	\$648.90

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$173.60	\$746.20

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$151.20	\$648.90

<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$134.40	\$578.90

<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$172.20	\$739.90

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$170.80	\$734.30

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$267.40	\$1,150.80

<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$205.10	\$882.70

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$185.50	\$798.00

<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$154.00	\$662.20

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$202.30	\$869.40

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$140.70	\$605.50

<u>York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Recovery Residence Rates</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	\$231.70	\$997.50

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Item 9. Non-Action Item. None at this time.

Item 10. Standing and Special Committee Reports and Liaison Reports and Item 11. Council Member Comments.

- Councilor Anderson gave an update on the Finance Committee. He apologized for anything he said or did earlier in the meeting. He didn't mean to offend the Council was disappointed in the way he had handled himself.

- Councilor Shupe apologized cancelling the Appointments/Negotiations meeting at the last minute, because of no advertisement on what seats were available. She would like to see new applications prior to the next meeting in October. She went on to give updates on the Community Services Advisory Board; the Eastern Trail Alliance Annual meeting and the Planning Board workshop with the Downs.
- Councilor Sither gave an update on the Communications Committee and which Councilors would be doing the Councilor Corner Articles. There would be a Sustainable Scarborough Day October 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Wentworth School.
- Councilor Anderson gave an overview on the Site-walk that had been held at the Downs.
- Councilor Caterina thanked everyone who attended the public comment section of the meeting. She went on to make comments regarding the Connector.
- Councilor Hamill gave an update on the Shellfish Commission and the Coastal Waters & Harbor Committee. He also commented on the parking recommendation and would like to see it come forward to the Council. Councilor Shupe noted that the Rec Advisory Board had discussions on the parking recommendations. Not everyone will be happy with the recommendations.
- Councilor Cushing commented on his experience with e-bikes and the lack of safety and courtesy for others. He would not be happy to see this on the Eastern Trail.
- Chairman McGee thanked everyone who spoke and respected the Council Rules. He went on to comment that he would expect that the Council should be bringing the best version of ourselves when we sit here and we represent the people of Scarborough and apologized to the people of Scarborough for the actions that happened this evening.

Item 12. Adjournment. Motion by Councilor Caterina, seconded by Councilor Sither, to move approval to adjourn the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk