

2025 COUNCIL GOALS

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LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING

Address School Enrollment and Facility Needs for K-8 students in partnership with the School

Objective:

Ensure a rigorous and public engagement process for addressing school enrollment challenges and support the development of a school project proposal for the November 2025 ballot.

Responsible Parties:
SBAC2, School
Department, Finance

Council Champion:
April Sither, Bill
Donovan

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Support site selection for new school

With recommended school solution, a new site is not needed

Partner with BOE and SBAC on communication and community outreach

Ongoing through the e-newsletter and a report/update at every Town Council meeting

Be an active participant in scheduled joint Town/School Workshops

Ongoing

Actively attend forums and community opportunities to hear residents' feedback on the school

Ongoing

Evaluate proposal for readiness to send to ballot as early as November 2025

This evaluation will occur in July/August 2025

Support financial impact analysis of the new school

Ongoing in support of SBAC2. Finance Committee to consider the tax impact in July

Work with stakeholder groups to develop a comprehensive long-term facility planning strategy

Pause for 2025

Develop a formal policy for naming Town buildings/facilities, ensuring consistency, transparency, and community involvement

Scheduled for Rules and Policies Committee

CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY

Develop and Implement Environmental Protection and Climate Change Initiatives that protect our environment and enhance our resiliency.

Objective:

Strengthen environmental protection through updated ordinances, stormwater management, and proactive climate action.

Responsible Parties:
Conservation
Commission, Ad-hoc
Open Space
Committee, Ad Hoc
Vulnerability
Assessment
Committee,
Sustainability, Long

Council Champion:
Karin Shupe, Cory
Fellows

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| Range Planning, Planning, Engineering | | |
| Explore a “Tree City” initiative and discuss the creation of a tree board | | Conservation Recommended moving forward draft Tree Care Ordinance May 28, 2025; Ordinance or Council Workshop TBD |
| Review and accept Open Space Plan and set priorities to achieve 30 X 30 goal | | Council Accepted on April 16, 2025 by Order No. 25-041 |
| Advance the findings of the Vulnerability Assessment to develop a plan for addressing climate risks in Scarborough | | Ongoing – Council Workshop scheduled for August 2025 |
| Evaluate the pros and cons of implementing a Stormwater Management Fee | | Research and analysis underway. Finance Committee to consider in September |
| Establish Sustainability Reserve Account to build funds that support sustainability initiatives and support local matches for grant funding | | Complete, funded in the FY26 budget |
| Explore low-impact development (LID) standards in our zoning designed to protect the Scarborough Marsh and its tributaries while supporting economic development | | *Required by November 2025 by MS4 Permit *Wetland Protections adopted *Urban Impaired Stream Protections adopted |
| Examine the potential to improve the Town’s standing in the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System (CRS) to reduce flood insurance premiums for residents | | Consider bringing this to Conservation Commission to see if they would prioritize it |
| GROWTH, HOUSING & LAND USE | | |
| Develop a basis for defining an affordable and workforce housing policy | | |
| Objective: Create a comprehensive and actionable affordable and workforce housing policy that recognizes the importance of growth zones, housing diversity (including multifamily and accessory dwelling units), and residents' concerns over the rate of growth. | | |
| Responsible Parties: Scarborough Housing Alliance, Long Range Planning, Planning Board, SEDCO, Planning | Council Champion: Cory Fellows, Bill Donovan | STATUS UPDATE JUNE 16, 2025 |
| Host a workshop to discuss Council thoughts on affordable and workforce housing | | Workshop held June 4, 2025 with Housing Alliance |
| Determine data points and needs to define a policy approach (examine a housing needs assessment) | | Completed at the work on June 4 2025; Housing Alliance to consider data points |
| Engage the public on a discussion on affordable and workforce housing | | *Council Corner Live scheduled for July 15 *Questions in the Community Survey |
| Define clear policy objectives for the next 10 years for affordable and workforce housing, | | Focus on doing work in September/October; Need to determine |

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| including defining goals for the # and type of units | |
| Refine the Credit Enhancement Agreement (CEA) provisions around eligibility and process. | Complete; Testing it with CEA Policy |
| Create a short-term rental ordinance to align with Town objectives on affordable and workforce housing and ensure responsible growth. | On-going Public Input Process closes July 1; Scheduled for Ordinance Committee Review July 9, 2025 |
| COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | |
| Increase communications with residents to advance Council Goals with the public | |
| Objective: Improve communication with residents and stakeholders to better understand our growth management policies, foster collaboration and predictability in land-use regulations when changes occur, inform and educate residents throughout budget development, and ensure consistent and thorough communication practices as we work toward our council goals. | |
| Responsible Parties: Communications Committee, Long Range Planning, Ordinance, SEDCO, Planning | Council Champion: Jon Anderson |
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| Develop a comprehensive communications plan to highlight growth management strategies in Scarborough and foster public understanding of current/future strategies. | Ongoing through e-newsletter and Council Corner articles |
| Further refine our framework for public engagement | Completed by Communication Committee. Arrange a brief overview at a Town Council meeting. |
| Establish a Council liaison role to Crossroads Holding LLC to better partner | Moving away from it. |
| Ensure ordinance changes impacted the development community are reviewed by SEDCO and in collaboration with other Town Committees | Ongoing; Town Manager Report October |
| Develop a Communications Plan that educates the public on the Town and School budgets to understand generally what their tax dollars are paying to deliver (general operations/level services) and secure the future (new investments). | Complete with FY26 Budget |
| Develop a consistent framework for community outreach that engages more residents and increases participation | Ongoing |
| TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION | |
| Advance the Town-wide Transportation Study and engage with regional partners to prioritize and advance transportation initiatives in Scarborough | |

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| Objective: Prioritize findings in the Town-wide Transportation study for 2027 CIP consideration and develop alternative traffic solutions in North Scarborough and advance the Town's transportation planning for future investments. | | |
| Responsible Parties: Transportation Committee, GPCOG, PACTS, Communications Committee, Engineering, Public Works | Council Champion: Jon Anderson, April Sither | STATUS UPDATE JUNE 16, 2025 |
| Council to accept final Town-wide Transportation Study | | Scheduled July 16, 2025 |
| Transportation Committee to prioritize corridors for action and recommend CIP plan for implementation for FY27 budget | | Anticipated upon acceptance of the Transportation Plan |
| Continue to pursue Grant funding for Payne Road improvements in partnership with Crossroads Holding LLC | | Grant submitted in January 2025 |
| Host a workshop with METRO Coalition, PACTS and impacted Towns to discuss the North Scarborough Region and discuss collaborative alternatives to address congestion | | DOT, GPCOG engaged on this work, Town to be an active participant. Given themselves years and behind the horizon for us. On our radar. |
| Communicate via different channels the work actively being implemented to improve traffic in Town led by the Town, State, or via TMPs | | Update dedicated webpage on active and future transportation projects. |
| Resolve to support GPCOG's Vision Zero Plan to support safety | | Resolution 25-005 approved on May 21, 2025 |
| Explore a public transit options with regional providers to enhance ridership and reduce congestion | | *Workshop held on April 16, 2025 *Financial Resources provided in FY26 Budget |