Town of Scarborough
Parks and Conservation Land Board
September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:05

2. Attendance: Jessica Sargent, Stephen Zamierowski, Maggie Vichneau, Noah Perlut, Doug Williams, Suzanne Foley-Ferguson, Anton Bodor, Dick Harvey. Guests: Glen Deering, Jill Deering, Scott Kunkler, Andrew Mackie, Betts Armstrong, Sean Hagan from the Maine Farmland Trust. Liaison: Nicole Hall, Community Services

3. Public Comments-There were no public comments

4. Updates: Jessica updated on integrating the Open Space Plan with our Acquistion Evaluation Process (AEP), the Land Acquisition Assessment Form (LAAF), and meeting with the subcommittee; Micah updated forms and ran two applications through the "new" updated form.

At the 1st Reading of the Town Council on 9/3, 244 Beech Ridge received unanimous support; recreation land is being mentioned for the Land Acquisition Fund.

5. Nonesuch River Preserve - 91 Mussey Road- The Project was presented by Scott Kunkler from the Scarborough Land Trust. A BioBlitz was held on the property in one period of time (ie. one day), and an inventory of plants and animals were identified. The Project advances three goals for the town: Open Space Plan, Comprehensive Plan and 30 x 30 goals. A Federal North American Wetland Conservation (NAWCA) Grant was awarded for $250,000, held up by new administration sign-off; Leveraged by the following donations:
-Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund-$24,000 Grant
-Wharton Trust $15,000
-NAWCA-was listed as the #2 of 18 countrywide applications so likely to get funded eventually.

This is a project that has already been funded, but the contract is due to expire. The land trust expects that the money will be borrowed until the money until the funding is received. However, we may not ever receive it. The committee went through LAAF. The project scored 474.7pts

Motion: Doug made a motion: Move to approve that we recommend to the Town Council $250,000 of the land bond funds be used to assist the Scarborough Land Trust for the purchase of 91 Mussey Road- Nonesuch River Preserve. Seconded by Stephen Zamierowski
Vote: Unanimous 7:0

6. O'Donal-Deering Farm- 3 Fenderson Place-This working farm easement project was presented by Sean Hagan from the Maine Farmland Trust (MFT). Soils indicate that this parcel is good pasture, haying growing land. RF zone could support 15-20 houses. Glen Deering would like to purchase it and MFT will "buy" its' value /development rights by putting a conservation easement on it. It is adjacent to 720 acres plus another 40 acres and in Saco 80 acres. Thus it will be close to 1000 acres of contiguously conserved land. MFT is asking for 1/2 of the easement cost.
Leveraged: private donations already secured including MFT

The Committee scored the property with the LAAF. The project scored 570 points.
Motion: Noah moves to recommend that the Town Council approve $192,500 to assist the MFT in its' purchase of an agricultural easement purchase to add to the Deering Farm
Seconded: Maggie Vishneau
Vote: Unanimous 7:0

Next Meeting: October 16th; Adjourned at 12:05PM