

Scarborough Transportation Committee

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Attendance

- Attendees: Jen Ladd (Chair), Portia Hirschman, Tuck Barclay, and Roger Beeley, Stanis Moody-Roberts (Remote)
- Staff in Attendance: Angela Blanchette, PE (Town Engineer)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

- Motion to Approve: Portia Hirschman
- Seconded by: Roger Beeley
- Approved: 5-0

3. East Grand Avenue Complete Streets Design Review

Staff presented the same information from the February 10, 2026 public meeting on the design of East Grand Avenue Complete Streets Project. Public comments have been received at the meeting 2/10/26 meeting, by email, and through the project page on the website. Staff reviewed the comments received to date.

Discussion took place regarding the location of the crosswalks, both existing and proposed. The design plans show the existing crosswalks at 11th St, Sea Rose Ln, and Granite St remaining and an additional 2 crosswalks located at 9th Street and Dover Ln being added. The discussion was focused on keep the existing in crosswalk locations that residents have become accustomed to and adding new crosswalks only in strategically located areas. This would allow for a realistic approach to where people may cross and not necessarily follow a sidewalk to a marked crossing. The committee chose to reinforce the crosswalk locations that are able to provide the ADA options needed in the corridor, while allowing others to cautiously cross as they are able near their homes, towards their destination, or where they have parked. The recommendation from the committee members was to install crosswalks at the following locations:

- 11th Street (existing)
- Sea Rose Lane (existing)
- Granite Street (existing)
- Oak Street (proposed to be the closest side street after turning off Pine Point Road as well as near the businesses on the corridor).

A figure with this new layout will be added to the project page and allow for public comment, which will be discussed at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

There was concerns raised about the proposed curb bump-outs, and not needing them in place during the winter months when traffic volumes are reduced. The Committee members

determined that going at lower speeds in this area regardless of the season or traffic volumes is beneficial for the neighborhood.

The Committee also heard concerns regarding the raised crosswalk. Questions were asked about winter operations, need for them in the winter months, and the ability for trailers or boats to be able to maneuver over them. Staff provided a photo of the raised crosswalk from the draft Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidance Manual. The raised crosswalk is proposed at 3 or 4 inches in height and tapers back a significant distance so that plows and trailers will have no issue going over them. The Public works Department has installed a similar speed table on Maple Avenue with no issues. Again, the committee members expressed that having traffic traveling at lower speeds is desirable year-round and provides added safety measures.

There was concern from the public on the elimination of 10 parking stalls on East Grand Avenue. There was further discussion related to business parking that may not be necessary, as the businesses have been closed. Angela will reach out to the Police Dept to provide guidance. It was also noted that the Chapter 601 Ordinance will be in front of the Ordinance Committee on 03/05/2026 and is open for the public to provide comments, which could include any requested changes.

Finally, a resident voiced concern with the transition for pedestrians navigating the sidewalk and then negotiating through the Pine Point Road intersection to each King Street. Staff explained that the scope of the project ends prior to the intersection, however we will discuss with the design consultant ways that we can enhance the sidewalks in the intersection to provide a safe crossing.

The Committee ended the discussion with next steps. An updated crosswalk plan will be added to the project page by 03/05/2026 based on the recommendation from the committee. There is a feedback portal on that page to allow for the public to comment and provide feedback. This portal will be open until 03/31/2026. In the meantime, this item will be included in the Town newsletter and posts on social media platforms to encourage participation. Comments will be compiled and the topic will be back on the Transportation Committee agenda on 4/28/2026 for final consideration.

4. Project Updates

a) Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidance Manual

Angela reviewed the handout in the packet that includes an overview of the elements that are incorporated into the Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidance Manual. Committee had no feedback for missing elements. Next step will be that the draft manual will be posted to the project page for public feedback and will appear on the April 28, 2026 Transportation Committee Meeting, when the consultants will do a review of the manual.

b) Scottow Hill Road

Staff reviewed slides from the Council Workshop presentation on February 4, 2026. The committee reviewed the three (3) alternatives that Town Council is considering:

- 1) Replacement of culverts with minimum
- 2) Replacement of culverts with resilient design, as recommended by the recently adopted Vulnerability Assessment. Staff will be applying for grant funding associated with this alternative, however the funds have not been secured.

- 3) Removal of the culverts and restoration of Beaver Brook, with the use of a MNRCP Grant that the Town has been awarded, however Council has not accepted yet.

Jen Ladd suggested that traffic counts be collected on Scottow Hill Road and Two rod Road to have as a baseline for any future improvements in the area.

Carol Gustovson (Scottow Hill Road resident) spoke to the committee that the recent Town Newsletter does not factually depict the concerns the neighbors have for the environmental and traffic impacts as well as the financial impacts that the replacement of these culverts would have on the town. She prefers the restoration option. They are seeing the positive result of the reduction in traffic volumes, even though her house is between Haigis Parkway and Tow Rod Rd. She is suggesting that there is a voice that is requesting the permanent closure scenario that needs to be equally presented in town correspondence to the public. She will be going door-to-door in her neighborhood to try to get them engaged in the conversation. Committee members suggested that a larger effort be made to the neighborhood to make sure they are aware of the conversation happening. Angela noted that she would convey this desire to staff liaison to the Communications Committee for them to discuss at their next meeting.

- c) Eastern Trail Close the Gap

The Bridge over nonesuch River was set in place in December 2025. The large railroad bridge crossing and planned for April 2026. The project is ahead of schedule.

- d) Safe Streets 4 All

New demonstration project being designed for route 1 at Little Dolphin as well as Route 1 at Hannaford Dr. This project is intended to improvement pedestrian safety in the Route 1 corridor. GPCOG will be coming to an upcoming Transportation Committee meeting to review this project with the group. They are planning for a June or July implementation schedule for the temporary features.

5. Public Comment

Public Comment was received from Carol Gustovson. Her comments are included in the Scottow Hill Road discussion above.

Stanis mentioned the Maine DOT 3-year work plan that was released. This is a lower overall amount being distributed to the region, however there are opportunities to partner with DOT on design projects to implement Complete Streets. The Committee recommended that the Town be proactive in our approach to DOT and look for ways to expand and enhance on their projects with local funds. The DOT construction projects have been added to the Transportation Map on the Engineering Page for residents to see the upcoming projects. The Design-only projects however are not posted on that construction map. It was suggesting that we let residents know that there is funding for some projects in Scarborough in the next newsletter or in social media posts.

6. Adjourned at 9:16 PM