MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026
HYBRID REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Call to Order. Chairman Fellows called the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call. Roll was called by Yolande P. Justice, Clerk to the Council. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager and Liam Gallagher, Assistant Town Manager, were present. Those Councilors present:

Councilor Scott W. Doherty	Councilor Jonathan E. Anderson
Councilor Lawrence W. Cain	Councilor William J. Donovan
Councilor Karin B. Shupe	Councilor Michelle T. Hayes

Chairman Cory R. Fellow

Before moving on with the agenda, Chairman Fellows acknowledged the passing of former Chief Robbie Moulton who served the community for over 44 years, 22 of those as Police Chief and called for a moment of silence.

Chairman Fellows reminded the public that Item four on the agenda is general public comment for items not listed on the agenda. Attendees are reminded to limit comments to three minutes, state their name and address. This time limit aims to accommodate all participants and complete the meeting agenda.

Item 4. General Public Comments:

- Sue Hamill from Bay Street, voiced her concerns regarding the town's tax rate, advocating for a maximum increase of 2% due to rising household expenses, especially in energy and fuel. Projections indicate a tax hike exceeding 7% by 2028 linked to school construction. She recommended updating the tax impact calculator for transparency and proposed operational adjustments at town hall instead of hiring new staff amidst staffing challenges. Furthermore, she addressed the rising healthcare costs, suggesting improved cost-sharing strategies, and highlighted the long-term taxpayer implications of anticipated capital borrowing on the budget.
- Dan Shapiro of Highland Pines Road, voiced his disappointment of the Route One sustainability workshop, highlighting the missed opportunity for a test despite potential disruptions. He urged for decisions based on data rather than perceptions and supported area development, contingent on the inclusion of sidewalks and pointed out the absence of safe biking and walking options as a catalyst for infrastructure improvements, arguing that clinging to current limitations would entrench car-centric communities. He concluded by advocating for a change in evaluation criteria for these projects.
- Stephen Zamierowski of Theresa Masse Lane, emphasized two key points: he advocated for keeping all traffic lanes on Route One instead of sacrificing one for a bike path, while also suggesting improvements to lane configuration. Additionally, as a Sustainability Task Force member, he expressed concern over a vetoed moratorium on data centers, urging the town to tackle their high energy and water use, which could increase costs.
- Jim Prichard of Maple Avenue, expressed his frustration after attending a Planning Board meeting on the Elmwood development, primarily due to the absence of a traffic study and issues with the peer review process. He raised concerns about the town engineer's proposal to expedite

the development without proper traffic assessments. The Board decided to implement safety measures like solar speed signs and a crosswalk, but he advocated for a more thorough evaluation of traffic conditions and a referendum before issuing permits, criticizing the existing process as merely a "rubber stamp."

- Stanis Moody-Roberts of County Road, commented that by reducing a lane on Route One could benefit the town, according to historical data showing stable traffic levels for 30 years. About 30% of this traffic is through traffic that could shift to the turnpike, and current congestion arises from under-capacity intersections. A pilot study would assess the impact of the proposed changes, which would provide insights without substantial negative outcomes, easing concerns about potential congestion. He encouraged the Council to pursue this initiative.
- Averill Hill of Maple Avenue, voiced her concerns about unauthorized clear cutting on a 12-acre site near a protected stream along Route One, despite a stop work order. She noted violations of regulations and questioned the effectiveness of current protections against such activities. Shel emphasized the long-term environmental impacts and habitat loss, urging the town to enhance fines and preventive measures for accountability and transparency in natural resource protection. She requested updates at future Town Council meetings via the Town Manager's Report.
- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, commented on the workshop, highlighting concerns regarding the bike and pedestrian lane going north. She pointed out that while there has been talk about the northbound lane, the plan lacks discussion on how pedestrians and cyclists will return south, emphasizing that bikes must travel in the same direction as cars. She questioned the feasibility of accessing the Eastern Trail for southbound travel.
- Craig Robinson of Babkirk Drive, supported the Route One pilot project, highlighting the need for data collection and expert opinions on traffic limits. He emphasized the importance of exploring potential improvements, including bike and pedestrian lanes, despite them not being his first choice. He stressed the need for safe walking and biking options throughout the town, not just along the Eastern Trail.
- Carrick Gamble, of Coach Lantern Lane East, supported the pilot project for bike and pedestrian infrastructure on Route One, highlighting its long-term importance. He believed studying the project is essential, despite logistical challenges in adding bike paths and the Eastern Trail's winter inaccessibility. He is concerned about developing isolated areas in town without proper access and advocates for including sidewalks alongside two lanes, calling for further research regardless of the project's future.

Via Zoom:

- Ted Manson-Osann from Adora Circle, agreed with the pilot program aimed at enhancing pedestrian safety along Route One. He commented on the region's attractiveness and the need for additional sidewalks and protected pedestrian spaces, comparing it to Saco and South Portland, which have abundant sidewalks and suggested a two-month test to evaluate the program's feasibility without requiring a long-term commitment, urging a reevaluation of the project to improve safety for pedestrians in Scarborough.
- Deb McDonough of Minuteman Drive and a member of the League of Women Voters, will discuss election methods tomorrow at 6:30 PM at the Library, focusing on concerns with current voting methods and the advantages of proportional representation. She also expressed disappointment over the dismissal of a recent workshop on pedestrian and cycling access for Route One, arguing that data indicates a lane closure would not significantly increase congestion and advocating for a safer design to support complete streets

Chief Holmquist spoke on the highlights of the life of former Police Chief Moulton. Chief Moulton served over 44 years in the Scarborough Police Department, including 22 years as police chief, earning respect for his professionalism and leadership. He began as a reserve officer in 1977 and quickly advanced through the ranks, playing key roles in community initiatives, including Operation Hope for substance use issues. During Chief Moulton's tenure included significant achievements such as the development of the department's first computerized records system and leading efforts to build a new public safety building, opened in April 2020. He received multiple commendations for his service and retired in July 2021, leaving a lasting legacy in the department and community. Chief, thank you for your steadfast and dedicated service to the town of Scarborough and the Scarborough Police Department. May he rest in peace.

Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, noted that Chief Moulton dedicated 44 years to his Scarborough community, being a founding member of Project Grace and Project Hope. He focused on identifying community needs and advocating for social services, promoting the hiring of quality staff for these initiatives. He is remembered fondly for his charming smile and warm handshake; he exemplified a local success story. His legacy included a commitment to community support and a recognition of broader social service needs beyond traditional law enforcement.

Item 5. Minutes: April 15, 2025 – Regular Town Council Meeting and April 29, 2026 – Special Town Council Meeting. Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of the meeting minutes from the April 15, 2025 – Regular Town Council Meeting and April 29, 2026 – Special Town Council Meeting, as written.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 6. Adjustment to the Agenda. None at this time.

Item 7. Items to be signed: 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:

- **Passing of Former Police Chief Robbie Moulton**
    - Memorial Service on May 8 at 11:00 AM at the Public Safety Building
- **Scottow Hill Road Closure**
    - Town Council Workshop - 02/04/26 and Councilor Corner Live - 02/12/26
    - MIAF Grant open, application due May 11
    - Town Council Decision in August
- **FY27 Budget**
    - Revised Target of <2% on Tax Rate- $1.46M for Town/$2.19M for School
    - April 30 Meeting - Town/School shared potential adjustments
    - Additional meetings on May 7 and 14 (if needed)
    - Second Reading/Adoption on May 20
- **Road Projects Update**
    - Spring Cleaning - street sweeping and catch basin
    - Pine Point Watermain Replacement Project -

        - Additional drainage improvements considered
        - Potential Pilot Project for Jones Creek Drive
    - Spurwink Phase 2 - widening completed, road reclaim next week

- **Eastern Trail Project**
    - Considerably ahead of schedule
        - Major bridge in place
    - Contract Dispute- In process
    - Material cost overruns - working with consultants and funding partners

- **Pickleball/Skate Park**
    - Skatepark closed May 10 - 8 new pickleball courts by late July
    - New skate park location - Completed Fall 2026
        - Final Design - Planning Board in June
        - Public engagement process

- **Communication Project Funding**
    - Favorable Response from Senator King
    - Application submitted and advanced to the Senate Approp. Committee

- **Route 1- Pedestrian Improvement Demonstration**
    - Safe Streets for All Grant- GPCOG
    - Temporary medians at Little Dolphin Drive to determine if speeds can be reduced for pedestrian improvements are viable
    - Demonstration project - Late June through Late Fall
    - Transportation Committee endorsed on April 28, 2026

- **Portland West** - Successor to Gorham Connector
    - Consultant selected
    - First meeting held on April 28

- **Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)**
    - Program of Police Department
    - Vital in supporting community events and non-emergency matters
    - Active recruitment underway

- **Quarterly Financial Reports** - Period Ending March 31, 2026
    - Reports attached

- **Workshop Schedule**
    - June 3 - Growth - Report on Rate of Growth Ordinance/LD 2173 Recap
    - June 17 - Mid-year Town Council Goals Review - **Please review/prepare**

Item 9. Standing and Special Committee Reports and Liaison Reports.

- Councilor Hayes reported on the first Conversations with Councilors meeting held at Pleasant Hill School where there was discussion around the budget. The meeting featured Councilors Fellows and Donovan, fostering a respectful and balanced dialogue among attendees, including school system employees and citizens. Various perspectives were shared, encouraging active

listening and validation of feelings. Councilor Hayes noted a positive and dynamic exchange, learning a lot from the discussions and feeling that participants felt heard and appreciated.

- Councilor Anderson reported that the Transportation Committee was looking at the Transportation Traffic Calming Guidance document to assist in planning roadway changes and future improvements. Residents have expressed strong interest in traffic calming measures, and the town has allocated money in the budget for it. While speed tables are a popular request among residents, the document outlines various other options for traffic calming that can be explored. Upcoming public discussions have been scheduled to facilitate community engagement. Additionally, a meeting of the Communications Subcommittee Ambassadors Pilot is set for May 28th to gather diverse community perspectives. This initiative aims to enhance communication and connection within the town.
- Councilor Donovan noted that the Scarborough Housing Alliance met to discuss a proposed housing assessment study and is considering a company used by Bangor and Auburn. The Committee reviewed affordable housing proposals and discussed concerns about short-term rentals impacting lower-income housing stock. The Sustainability Committee also met, receiving a positive presentation from Greater Portland Metro, with more details to come in future agendas.
- Chairman Fellows noted that the Long Range Planning would be meeting Friday, May 8th at 8:00 AM to review and compare zoning districts, specifically the town and village center districts (TBCs). Additionally, the Appointments and Negotiations Committee has an action item to vote on appointments to the Planning Board to fill out the board's composition.
- Councilor Shupe stated the ordinance committee would meet next Wednesday at 5:00 PM to discuss mobile food vendors. Additionally, the agenda for the June meeting will include a public comment concerning commercial lots and clear cutting, which is a goal for that session.
- Councilor Cain noted the School Committee met to discuss refined floor plans presented by architects. Efforts have been made to incorporate school staff feedback effectively. FY2027 Budget discussions revealed a collaborative effort by town and school leadership to achieve set goals, resulting in reasonable spending reductions without staff layoffs. The recommendations include a tax increase per average home of $198, down from an initial $2.8 million reduction proposal needing an additional $800,000 cut to meet a 2% goal. Overall participation in the process has been commendable.

Item 10. RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: None at this time.

Item 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Order No. 26-025. 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the new proposed Chapter 1020- the Town of Scarborough Short-Term Rental Ordinance. ***[Planning Director]*** Autum Speer, Town Planner, gave a brief overview on this Order. Chairman Fellows opened the public hearing at 8:09 p.m. The following individuals spoke:

- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, voiced her support of the chapter 1020 Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance, highlighting the importance of transparency through registration. She called for applicants to submit a state retailer certificate to ensure compliance. However, she opposed allowing a permanent special exception for active operators from 2025, viewing it as detrimental to the neighbor notification process. She went on to say that all short-term rentals should follow the same regulations and endorsed a registration timeline with pro-rated fees due by June 30, 2026, and inspections by December 31, 2026, as a balanced implementation strategy.
- Scott Townsend of Acorn Lane, a real estate agent and short-term rental business owner, argued against the unfair zoning cap in Chapter 405, the Zoning Ordinance that would create inequity

among homeowners in Scarborough. He stated that short-term rentals have long been accepted in the community and that a registration process is unnecessary and burdensome. He went on to state that if a registration requirement is enforced, the deadline should be extended to January 1, 2027, to avoid disrupting the busy summer rental season, allowing for more manageable inspections and preparations in the off-season.

- Molly LeComte of Bunker Hill Terrace, supported the recommendation expressing her lifelong love for Scarborough but laments the inability to buy a house there due to rising competition and prices, exacerbated by the influx of short-term rentals like Airbnb's. She acknowledged the pressures felt by business owners and suggested they consider long-term rentals or selling properties to those in need. She advocated for a more balanced approach to housing that holds property owners accountable, highlighting the community's competitiveness with nearby areas.
- Sean Flaherty of Black Point Road, mentioned his connection to former Police Chief Moulton He raised concerns about short-term rental regulations and their impact on residents. He critiqued the ineffectiveness of the current Good Neighbor Ordinance and questions the necessity of additional regulations. He argued for balancing regulations with the realities of local short-term rental markets, noting that these rentals constitute less than 1% of housing in Scarborough and expressed concerns about the administrative burden of inspections during peak rental seasons.
- Averill Hill of Maple Avenue, noted the town of Scarborough initiated a short-term rental ordinance in 2017 due to rising inquiries about Airbnb listings, but did so without public or council input, unlike neighboring towns. Current discussions suggest that proper registration requires new zoning laws, as many rentals are illegal under existing regulations. Significant effort has been dedicated to a draft ordinance that aims to safeguard housing, neighborhoods, and public safety, with support for its clarity and standards for short-term rentals.
- Stephen Zamierowski of Theresa Masse Lane, stated the he is a member of the Housing Alliance, but expressed personal views in support of an ordinance addressing short-term rentals, which negatively impact residential housing. He advocated for a limit of 1% on rentals in beach zones like Higgins Beach, emphasizing the need for regulation to maintain resources fairly. He believed homeowners and adjoining property owners should have a voice in neighborhood decisions, highlighting the importance of community input. Additionally, he suggested raising fees or taxing businesses to fund implementation, ensuring a peaceful coexistence in the community.

Via Zoom:

- Danielle Delequila and Tim Meyers, of Fogg Road, empathized with younger individuals who cannot afford homes here and recognize two distinct situations regarding home renting: those who use properties solely as Airbnb's and those, like them, who rent out part of their homes to ease living costs. It is crucial that regulations reflect these differences rather than applying a one-size-fits-all approach. Moreover, current zoning laws seem arbitrary, favoring those who can afford coastal living, and this inequity should be reconsidered as we develop future guidelines.
- Amy Chamberlain of Ryefield Drive, expressed concerns regarding proposed zoning changes affecting rentals in a coastal area. She argued that seasonal and winter rentals contribute to the local economy and emphasize the importance of business opportunities for residents. She supported a registration system but opposed the zoning changes.
- Andy Blanchard of Maple Avenue, supported the idea of registration to gather data for informed STR policy decisions. However, he believe it was unfair to compel STR operators to sell their properties, especially if they purchased them at market peak and may struggle with selling due to associated costs.

There being no further comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 8:29 pm. The second reading on this Order will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Chairman Fellows noted that he would combine the hearings on the next two orders as they are companion pieces.

Order No. 26-030. 7:00 p.m. Public hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 405, Zoning Ordinance; including the creation of a new section consolidating uses; updating Zoning Districts to reference said new use section; update childcare and residential care uses, definitions and allowed districts based on State Statute requirements; add conservation, parks, trails and associated parking to the use table, definitions and allowed districts; add short-term rental uses to the use table, definitions, performance standards and allowed districts; amend definitions, performance standards and special exception standards to capture amendments, new uses and correct inconsistencies. ***[Planning Director]***

Order No. 26-031.7:00 p.m. Public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Official Town of Scarborough Zoning Map. ***[Planning Director]***

Autum Speer, Town Planner, gave a brief overview on this Order No. 26-30 and Order No. 26-031.. Chairman Fellows opened the public hearing at 8:32 p.m. on Order No. 26-030 and Order No. 26-031. The following individuals spoke:

- Alyson Bristol of Bayview Avenue, commented on the draft of the Planning Board minutes, which included public comment and identified who made them. Many of the Planner Director's meetings have this format, and encouraged its adoption townwide to ensure public comments are part of the official record. Additionally, I recommend including written public comments, as they often seem lost and are not visibly part of the record.
- Averill Hill of Maple Avenue, noted that she had heard some people say that um this new ordinance will force that the town is forcing people to sell their homes and that is untrue.
- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, voiced her concerns regarding a new ordinance, clarifying that it did not compel anyone to sell their homes. She urged for the agenda items to be reordered, advocating for Chapter 405 to be discussed before Chapter 1020, as the former established the zoning framework for Short-Term Rentals (STRs). She supported the proposed locations for STRs but emphasizes the importance of a strong registration process that ensures transparency and compliance with state regulations.
- Sean Flaherty of Black Point Road, stated he did not agree with the new coastal overlay zone for short-term rentals (STRs), he had issues of fairness, transparency, and consistency in its implementation. He expressed concern that the Clay Pits area, a historic public access point, was excluded from the overlay zone, while nearby areas like Spurwink River, despite their distance from the coast, received special treatment for STRs and questioned the rationale behind the differing designations and called for amendments to ensure a fairer approach that considers the unique characteristics of each community, particularly areas like Black Point Road, which have significant local amenities and traffic and asked for clearer guidelines rather than a one-size-fits-all solution.
- Scott Townson of Acorn Lane, clarified that a reseller certificate is equivalent to sales tax registration. Property managers and platforms like Airbnb and VBO handle lodging tax filings monthly with the state of Maine. He noted that the local housing market is healthy, with 86 homes for sale, primarily purchased by Mainers. Over the past year, 292 sales occurred, driven by demand for living in Scarborough due to its appealing amenities. Price increases are attributed to

supply and demand dynamics rather than rental activity, as most homeowners intend to retain their properties for future generations. The notion of renting for profit is seen as impractical in Scarborough, as it does not present lucrative opportunities for Airbnb investments.

There being no further comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 8:41 p.m. The second reading on Order No. 26-030 and Order No. 26-031, will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Chairman Fellows called for a brief recess at 8:42 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

Order No. 26-038. 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing and action on the new requests for a Mobile Food Vendor Permit from Nicole Clavet d/b/a Cruzin Slice. ***[Town Clerk's Office]*** A brief overview was given on this Order. Chairman Fellow opened the public hearing at 8:49 p.m. There being no further comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval on the new requests for a Mobile Food Vendor Permit from Nicole Clavet d/b/a Cruzin Slice.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Order No. 26-039. 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing and action on the renewal requests for a Special Amusement Permit from Allagash Brewing Company, located at 10 Market Street; American Legion Libby Mitchell Post #76, located at 40 Manson Libby Road; Bayley's Campground, located at 275 Pine Point Road; Beech Ridge Barn, LLC, located at 21 Beech Ridge Road; Black Point Inn, located at 510 Black Point Road; Broadturn Farm, located at 388 Broadturn Road; Clambake, located at 354 Pine Point Road; Cowbell, located at 185 US Route One; Flaherty's Family Farm, Inc., located at 123 Payne Road; Higgins Beach Inn, located at 34 Ocean Avenue; Loyal Order Of Moose, located at 19 Spring Street; Nonesuch River Brewing, located at 201 Gorham Road; Pat's Pizza, located at 209 US Route One; Salty Bay, located at 68 Jones Creek Drive, Seadog Brewpub, located at 1 Cabela Blvd; The Greenhouse at Highland Farm, located at 109 Highland Avenue and Throttle Car Club, located at 10 Dynamic Drive. ***[Town Clerk's Office]*** **A brief overview was given on this Order. Chairman Fellows opened the public hearing at 8:52 p.m. The following individuals spoke:**

- Duncan Birch abuts the Greenhouse at Highland Farm, opposed the granting of the amusement park at Highland Farm due to ongoing issues like loud music and inappropriate behavior from patrons, which disrupts the residential neighborhood. He felt that this violated the Good Neighbor's Policy and negatively affects the harmony and enjoyment of his property, especially as he has three young children.

There being no further comments either for or against the hearing was closed at 8:54 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval on the renewal requests as noted in Order No. 26-039.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 12. OLD BUSINESS:

Order No. 26-033. Act on the request to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with METRO. Tabled from the April 1, 2026, Town Council Meeting. ***[Town Manager]***
Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave an update on this Order. The following individuals spoke:

- Nina McKee of Black Point Road, voiced her concerns over a budget allocation for a mini micro transit project, emphasizing the rising costs from $65,000 this year to $145,000 next year, totaling $370,500 over three years. She opposed the project, arguing that if the town desires transportation, it should fund it independently, as it is unfair to other developments lacking similar infrastructure. The focus should be on established routes and the costs post the trial period.
- Cathy Little, Treasurer of the Library, voiced support for the metro pilot program, emphasizing its importance for residents and local transportation. She shares her positive public transit experience and addressed challenges like rising gas prices and traffic. The program intends to reduce costs, congestion, and emissions, benefiting vulnerable groups, such as seniors. With the Library attracting many visitors, even minor shifts to public transit can yield significant advantages. The program costs $145,000, with over $5 million in potential funding loss if not pursued. She advocated for budgetary support, presenting it as a practical and adaptable solution.
- Stanis Moody-Roberts of County Road, shared his insight as an Uber driver in Scarborough, noting a considerable need for public transportation, especially among elderly residents. Unlike in Portland, he observed clients relying on him for essential trips, emphasizing the high costs of rides benefiting investors. He noted the annual expenses of car ownership and the proposed a public transit plan costing only 0.07% of the town's budget, including a 4.5-mile bus route and on-demand micro-transit services. He supported this recommendation.
- Jennifer Ladd of Powderhorn Drive and Chair of the Transportation Committee, emphasizes the importance of addressing sustainability in community transit, noting that transportation accounts for 48% of the town's emissions. While efforts are ongoing to improve energy sustainability, comparable advancements in transportation are lacking. Two graphics are presented: one comparing emissions from various transportation modes and another illustrating road space occupancy for 40 individuals using different modes (cars, buses, bikes). The chair connects transit improvements to the community's goals of managing growth, addressing congestion on key corridors, and developing a long-term financial plan. The Committee urges endorsement of public transit initiatives in Scarborough.
- Molly LeComte of Bunker Hill Terrace, expressed strong support for a community initiative, emphasizing the importance of accommodating local growth and the need for affordable transportation options. She highlighted the struggles of students and low-income individuals who cannot easily walk to essential locations like schools and jobs. She urged the community to adapt to changing circumstances, arguing that failing to act now could lead to more significant financial burdens in the future. She remained optimistic about the community's ability to unite for this cause.
- Sue Hamill of Bay Street, raised concerns about a proposed transit project, highlighting the need for budget considerations. She argued that Corey Fellows, the town council chair, should recuse himself due to a conflict of interest related to his company's involvement in a nearby affordable housing complex. She criticized the project's costs of $370,000 over three years, noting that the transit route does not cover her area and suggested that funding should come from the Downs before the pilot begins. She also encouraged council members to use the transit service themselves for better insight.
- Craig Robinson of Babkirk Drive, expressed his support for the Metro project, reflecting on his positive experiences using public transit for six years after college. He believed public transit can

alleviate community concerns about traffic and parking, asserting that not everyone should require a personal vehicle to participate fully in the community. He noted potential savings of $10,000 per year from shared car ownership. He works along Route One and planned to use the public transit if implemented. He also suggested that project location should not hinder progress, advocating for comprehensive development across the town.

- Richard Hayes of Martin Avenue, expresses opposition to taxpayer funding for the Downs, calling it an unjustified expense. He suggested that Councilor Fellows should recuse himself due to a conflict of interest. He believed the town has already contributed enough and questions public support for transportation without addressing funding willingness. He raised concerns about the upcoming budget, citing state school funding cuts and new expenses like school projects. He urged a vote against the funding, stating it is unaffordable.
- Rob Macan of the VA Health System and a combat veteran, spoke to the town council about the challenges faced by veterans accessing the new primary care facility in Portland. Despite treating over 10,500 veterans and recording thousands of patient visits, the facility's lack of nearby public transportation creates barriers for those unable to drive. He highlighted prior discussions with metro representatives about establishing a stop near the clinic, emphasizing its importance to veterans, particularly those from surrounding communities, and urged for the approval of this route to enhance accessibility to essential services.
- Alyson Bristol of Bayview Avenue, expressed concern about the council's $840,000 budget cuts, urging no new positions or services be added. The low priority of transportation in a recent survey highlights the lack of public process regarding financial commitments for the metro pilot project. Emphasizing the need for clear, non-binding agreements and transparency about future costs to taxpayers, the critique also includes the potential misuse of funds in micro-transit resembling ride-sharing services. Additionally, a recusal from a council member’s vote is recommended to prevent any appearance of impropriety, culminating in advice against the project due to historical efforts not aligning with current community needs.
- Dan Shapiro of Highland Pine Road and a member of the Sustainability Committee endorsed a sustainability initiative, citing a Metro presentation that offered significant data on similar programs. He stressed the necessity of data collection before making decisions, mentioning the DOT initiative and various ordinances. He noted the initiative's external funding with minimal town contribution, representing a chance to assess its benefits and shared his experience as a one-car household and encouraged others to support the initiative.
- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, expressed concerns regarding a public transportation project, emphasizing the potential underutilization and significant taxpayer cost. She advocated prioritizing core infrastructure needs over this project, suggesting it should rely more on user funding or partnerships. She noted that the three-year agreement did not allow for easy withdrawal after the first year without incurring costs. She highlighted the risk of damaging already failing roads due to the heavy buses, which could exacerbate infrastructure issues and encouraged careful consideration of the project's implications.
- Judy Johnson of Cedarbrook Drive, advocated for seniors while sharing her personal challenges from a recent wrist injury and knee surgery. As a member of the age-friendly committee, she has assessed local services and noted a shortage of volunteers in community organizations. She also addresses the financial difficulties of transportation options, like Uber, and calls for greater support for long-term elderly residents, emphasizing the significance of community care for aging individuals.
- Kim Corthell of Paulsen Drive, endorsed the initiative for public transportation, emphasizing its importance for those without cars in Maine. She expresses concern about losing the ability to

drive and believes the proposed pilot program could benefit the community significantly at a reasonable cost. She urged support for the initiative to explore its potential usefulness.

- Judy Johnson of Cedarbrook Drive, It's an effort. It's a trial. Why not try a trial?

Via Zoom:

- Deb McDonough, Chair of the Sustainability Committee, emphasized strong support for expanding public transit service in Scarborough through Greater Portland Metro. She shared her personal enthusiasm for this initiative, recalling prior challenges in recommending transit due to parking difficulties. She urged the Council to vote in favor of the proposed three-year pilot program discussed in the previous meeting.
- Andy Blanchard of Maple Avenue, stated that he hated taxes as much as the next guy, but this one kind of seems like a good idea. I don't think the route would personally impact me, but it seems like a decent start. He had met a fair amount of people recently that do not drive and do require public transportation and felt that a fair amount of people could benefit if it was available.
- Portia Hirschman of Inspiration Drive, supported the Metro Project is crucial for addressing traffic congestion in Scarborough, where 75% of traffic occurs locally. The project aims to reduce short car trips, enhance access to jobs, and attract visitors without increasing traffic. Improved, affordable transit is expected to elevate property values and livability in densely populated areas. With traffic complaints rising and limited road expansion options, the Metro Project presents a sustainable solution. Innovative measures are necessary to prevent worsening traffic and accidents. A vote in favor of this initiative is strongly encouraged.

Chairman Fellows addressed the conflict of interest that had been mentioned. He then deferred to the Council. The Council agreed that Chairman Fellows had no fiduciary interest in this and could participate in discussion and vote.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with METRO.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval to suspend the rules to go past 10:00 p.m. to conduct business.

Vote to Suspend Rules: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Vote on Order No. 26-033: 5 Yeas. 2 Nays [Councilors Doherty and Shupe]. Motion Carried.

Order No. 26-040. Act on the request to approve the names posted to the Planning Board, as recommended by the Appointments/Negotiations Committee at the April 15, 2026, Town Council meeting. ***[Appointments/Negotiations Committee]*** Motion by Councilor Donovan, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of the names posted to the Planning Board, as recommended by the Appointments/Negotiations Committee at the April 15, 2026, Town Council meeting; as follows:

> Move William Sedlack from first Alternate to a full voting member with a term to expire 2026,
> Appoint Ed Hodgdon as first alternate with a term to expire 2028 and Marvin Gates as second alternate with a term to expire 2028.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried

Item 13. NEW BUSINESS. None at this time.

Item 14. Non-Action Item. None at this time.

Item 15. Council Member Comments. None at this time.

Item 16. Adjournment. Motion by Councilor Donovan, seconded by Councilor Anderson, to move approval to adjourn the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice
Clerk to the Council