

RESOLUTION 25-006
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE
MAINE LD 1093 REGARDING SCARBOROUGH BEACH

WHEREAS Scarborough Beach is an important natural resource within the Town of Scarborough that has provided generations of Maine residents and visitors with safe recreational opportunities to enjoy the Maine coast; and,

WHEREAS Scarborough Beach is located in an environmentally sensitive residential area within the Town of Scarborough near the end of a peninsula, served by a two-lane road, with limited access and parking that necessitates careful management of vehicular traffic and parking in order to ensure public safety; and,

WHEREAS the operations of Scarborough Beach, including parking and traffic, have been cooperatively managed for nearly twenty-five years through the cooperation of the State of Maine, Black Point Resource Management, and the Town of Scarborough; and,

WHEREAS during the 132nd Maine Legislature, a bill was introduced that, in part, would have required Scarborough Beach to remove any reference to “State Park” in its name. This bill, LD 1093, An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term "State Park" by Nonstate Parks, was later amended on April 8, 2025 by the Maine Legislature’s Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in a manner that would require Scarborough Beach to allow any of the nearly 40,000 holders of Maine State Park annual passes to access Scarborough Beach without an additional fee; and,

WHEREAS the effect of the committee amendment to LD 1093 could have devastating effects with regard to Scarborough Beach, the adjacent residential neighborhoods, the Town of Scarborough, and the State of Maine that is likely to undermine the revenues needed to support future operation of Scarborough Beach and overwhelm the beach and the adjacent neighborhoods with more vehicular traffic than can be handled in this sensitive and congested area; and,

WHEREAS, despite the obvious relationship between the committee amendment and the operations of Scarborough Beach, no advance notice was provided to the Town of Scarborough, Black Point Resource Management, or the neighbors of Scarborough Beach that such an amendment was being considered by the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Scarborough expresses its strong opposition to the April 8, 2025 committee amendment to LD 1093 that requires Scarborough Beach to accept state park passes, and the Town further urges the Maine Legislature to either amend the bill to remove this requirement or vote the entire bill "Ought Not To Pass.”

Signed and sealed this the 21st day of May, 2025, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by:

/s/ April V. Sither
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Yolande P. Justice
Clerk to the Council