

RESOLUTION #22-001
ACT TO MAKE SCARBOROUGH MORE RESILIENT TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Scarborough experiences coastal flooding, intense rainstorms, riverine flooding, and other natural hazards and seeks to better prepare for future conditions; and,

WHEREAS, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, among the most vulnerable infrastructure is the section of U.S. Route One across the Scarborough Marsh, which is consistently impacted by coastal flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Maine's four-year climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, seeks to put Maine on a trajectory to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045; and,

WHEREAS, achieving these emissions and resilience goals will require Maine to act with urgency to slow the causes of climate change and prepare people, communities, and the environment for climate-related impacts to come; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the State's climate action plan and goals, and the Town intends to apply for \$50,000 to complement MaineDOT's Route One resiliency study to identify the proper investments to address the effects of climate change into the future; and,

WHEREAS, as prerequisites for the grant, the Town of Scarborough has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment, reviewed the List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on February 23, 2022, which prioritized the following action areas: infrastructure resiliency, land conservation, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Scarborough commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Scarborough designates its Sustainability Coordinator to coordinate planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact to the Community Resilience Partnership.

Signed and dated this 2nd day of March 2022, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by:

/s/ John Cloutier
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk

Town of Scarborough