

Town of Scarborough, Maine

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Resolution 20-001

Collaboration on the FY2021 Budget Solutions

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled that,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, The Governor of Maine proclaimed that COVID-19 is a highly infectious agent that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to our citizens and authorized the use of emergency powers including business closures, safer at home orders, and ongoing restrictions that are impacting state and local economies in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the serious health and safety risks of the highly contagious COVID19; and,

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate stands at historic levels as of the beginning of May with Scarborough at 9.7%, Cumberland County at 11%, Maine at 10.6%, and the U.S. at 14.7%; and,

WHEREAS, expenses for COVID-19 measures needed to safely open schools are largely unknown at this time, but are expected to far exceed relief funding; and,

WHEREAS, any potential reductions in state revenue for municipal and school funding that would impact Scarborough's FY21 budget are unknown at this time; and,

WHEREAS, other economic driven municipal revenue such as excise taxes, fees, and building permits are unknown moving into the future; and,

WHEREAS, many surrounding businesses, non-profits, and municipalities have laid off, furloughed, reduced pay and benefits, and removed future pay raises for employees; and,

WHEREAS, the interventions implemented for COVID-19 have caused economic hardship for many Scarborough residents and may continue into the future should further interventions be required; and,

WHEREAS, Scarborough employees provide outstanding services, education, administration, and programming and are unquestionably the most valuable resource of the town government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council call on staff and administrators of Scarborough and Scarborough Public Schools to come to the table with their respective elected officials to find budget solutions that balance the needs of all residents, taxpayers, students, and employees under these extraordinary circumstances.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of June, 2020, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by:

/s/ Paul M. Johnson
Council Chair

Attested by:

/s/ Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk