

Town of Scarborough Sustainability Committee

September 23, 2026 | 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid Meeting – Town Manager’s Conference Room and Zoom

To participate in the Sustainability Committee’s meeting, please use the following link:

https://scarboroughmaine.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kVXCyDw9Qh64mmB-l7KF6A

To view in the Sustainability Committee’s meeting, please use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD5Y8CFy5HpXMftV3xX73aw>

Agenda

- 8:00 am** **Call to order and attendance**
- (1) Welcome and introductions
 - (2) Vote on minutes from 7/22/26
 - (3) Review 9/23/26 meeting agenda
 - (4) Public Comment
- 8:10 am** **Old Business**
- (1) Data Centers – update on process
 - (2) [Greater Portland Metro transit pilot](#)
 - Microtransit soft launch 9/20 (if you live within the [blue zone on this map](#) you can take microtransit to the meeting!)
 - Fixed route service begins 10/4. Kickoff/ribbon cutting scheduled on 10/2 at Town Hall.
- 8:40 am** **New Business**
- (1) Climate Action Plan
 - [Draft plan](#) available for review
 - Review goals, strategies, and actions
 - Identify actions for Committee to take on
- 9:15 am** **Updates**
- (1) Town Council
 - (2) Planning Board
 - (3) Transportation Committee
 - (4) Conservation Commission
 - (5) Scarborough Public Library
- 9:25 am** **Next meeting**
October 28, 2026
- 9:30 am** **Adjourn**

Engineering & Technical Services

259 US Route One | PO Box 360 | Scarborough, ME 04070 | P: 207.730.4400 | scarboroughmaine.org

Town of Scarborough Sustainability Committee

July 22, 2026 | 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Scarborough Town Hall and via Zoom

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Attendance

Committee (in person): Ron Allen, Lydia Jopp, Patrice Kastenholtz, Dan Shapiro

Staff: Jami Fitch, Helen Harman, Autumn Speer

Guests (Zoom): Denise Hamilton, resident

[Meeting recording](#)

Call to Order

1. The meeting is called to order at 8:05 am.
2. Ron motions to approve the minutes, Patrice seconds. Vote was unanimous. Motion passes.

Public Comment

1. None.

Old Business

1. Data Centers
 - Autumn provides an overview of the Town Council's anticipated schedule during the moratorium process. The goal is to wrap up the process with the existing Town Council. The following are key dates:
 - Workshop – 9/16
 - First reading – 10/7
 - Public hearing – 10/21
 - Second reading and vote – 11/4
 - The Committee reviews GPCOG's data center information, which includes benefits and drawbacks and recommended ordinance revisions for municipalities to consider if planning to include data centers as an allowed use.
 - The Committee discusses whether data centers should be allowed in Scarborough. Discussion centers on establishing requirements that will minimize the impact of data centers on the community and environment. For example, requiring facilities to produce 100% of their own energy and not be tied to the grid, requiring closed loop technology to minimize water use, etc.
 - Dan notes that it's unlikely data centers will be able to fully support their energy needs entirely with renewable energy.
 - Autumn cautions that if standards are too unrealistic to achieve, the Town should just prohibit certain data centers as a use.
 - Denise Hamilton, resident of 2 Rod Road, shares that data centers need reliable backup power, so even if they generate their own, they will likely still need to be tied to the grid. She also notes that most industrial areas suitable for data centers are close to the marsh.

Engineering & Technical Services

259 US Route One | PO Box 360 | Scarborough, ME 04070 | P: 207.730.4400 | scarboroughmaine.org

- The Committee feels that the data center cons outweigh the pros.
 - The Committee would like to draft a memo to the Town Council that references the opportunities and risks in GPCOG's document, notes if the opportunities/risks are applicable to Scarborough, outlines the standards that would need to be met to safeguard Scarborough, and recommend that the Town prohibit large-scale data centers (e.g., AI and cloud computing data centers) until technology to mitigate electrical use, water use, and noise is improved. The memo should also include risks related to PFAS.
2. Sustainable Scarborough Day
- Jami shares that there has not been much change from last month's meeting. Only one vendor responded with interest.
 - The Committee agrees to pause the event this year but would like to have some sustainability messaging around the date of the event so the idea isn't lost.
 - The Scarborough Public Library is also planning to offer several related events in early October, which was intended to be a lead up to the event. The Town will help promote the Library's efforts.
 - Jami will continue to participate in existing events and programs (e.g., Summerfest, Library clothing swaps and other programs, Concerts in the Park, etc.) to share information about the Town's sustainability efforts.

Updates

1. Town Council
 - Council is supporting the creation of the [Scarborough Wood Bank](#), which will provide free firewood to residents in need. Contributions of volunteer time, tools, firewood, and money are being sought. Details are available at the link above.
2. Planning Board
 - Planning Board held a public hearing on mobile saunas and reviewed site plans for banks in The Downs' town center.
3. Transportation Committee
 - A public meeting with Metro is planned to review the new transit service on 7/28 at 6:00 pm.
4. Conservation Commission
 - Conservation Commission continues to support the development of a low impact development ordinance. A public meeting is planned for September.
 - Autumn shares that the Town is [looking for volunteers](#) for the newly established Tree Board. Patrice is interested in serving.
5. Climate Action Plan
 - Community engagement continues throughout the summer. Quick polls are available on [SustainingScarborough.org](#).
 - There is a Town Council workshop scheduled for 6/19 to present the plan. This workshop will coincide with the data center workshop.
 - The plan is scheduled to be completed in October.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2026 at 8:00 am.

Future Projects List:

- School Building Process
- Communications, outreach, and engagement
- Community solar / municipal solar array
- Recycling information for homeowners when houses change hands
- Composting/food waste
- Residential energy efficiency grants
- Coordination with Scarborough Public Schools
- Municipal building energy audits
- Electric school buses
- Tree preservation ordinance
- Swap shop
- Energy stretch code
- Incremental fees for trash bins
- 10-year cost-benefit analysis for building systems
- Storm drain stenciling

HOW IT WORKS

Get the App



Download the **Metro Connect Greater Portland** app from the App or Google Play store and create an account.

Book your ride

Enter your pick-up and drop-off locations in the Metro Connect app. Don't have a smartphone?

Visit gpmetro.org/connectapp or call Metro Customer Service at (207)-774-0351 to book your ride.

Start your trip

The app will tell you exactly where, within walking distance from your location, to board the Metro Connect bus.

Pay your fare

When you board the vehicle, pay with your DiriGo Pass smartcard or mobile app; credit/debit card or digital wallet; or cash (exact fare).

Enjoy the ride

Metro Connect riders will be dropped off at or near their requested location. Travel within the zone or transfer to Route #25 at a Metro bus stop for continued service to South Portland and Downtown Portland. Or,

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: **6:15 am - 9:30 pm**
 Saturday: **7:25 am - 10:30 pm**
 Sunday: **8:45 am - 4:45 pm**

Metro Connect service does not operate on major holidays. See gpmetro.org/holidays

Please Note:

Hours of operation are subject to change.



SAVE WITH DIRIGO PASS

Download the UMO mobility app to pay with a DiriGo Pass smartcard or mobile app.

DiriGo Pass users may transfer for free within 90 minutes of initial payment.

*Reduced fare and fare caps for eligible passengers. Persons with disabilities, seniors 65+, youth 6-18, veterans, and Medicare Card holders

See gpmetro.org/fares for more information.

METRO CONNECT: On-demand service in Scarborough

Metro Connect offers a new travel option in Scarborough. New on-demand service for shopping, jobs, appointments, and more.

Just download the app, book your ride and travel within the microtransit zone in Scarborough for the cost of a bus ride (\$2.25 base fare/\$1.10 reduced fare).

Travel within the zone, or connect to Route 25 at MaineHealth, Oak Hill, The Downs, or at the Route 42 Park & Ride for continued travel to South Portland or Downtown Portland. Or, connect to Route #60 on Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit.

Walk-ons are also accepted if space is available; just flag the vehicle and speak to the driver.

All Metro Connect trips must start and end within the service zone, shown on the map.



metro CONNECT
 GREATER PORTLAND ON-DEMAND TRANSIT
gpmetro.org/connect



ON DEMAND

Effective September 14, 2026

SERVICE INCLUDES

- A** Pleasant Hill
- B** Eastern Trail
- C** Schools/Library
- D** MaineHealth/Scarborough
- E** Oak Hill
- F** The Downs
- G** Park & Ride/Cabela's
- H** Dunston Crossing
- I** Dunston Corner

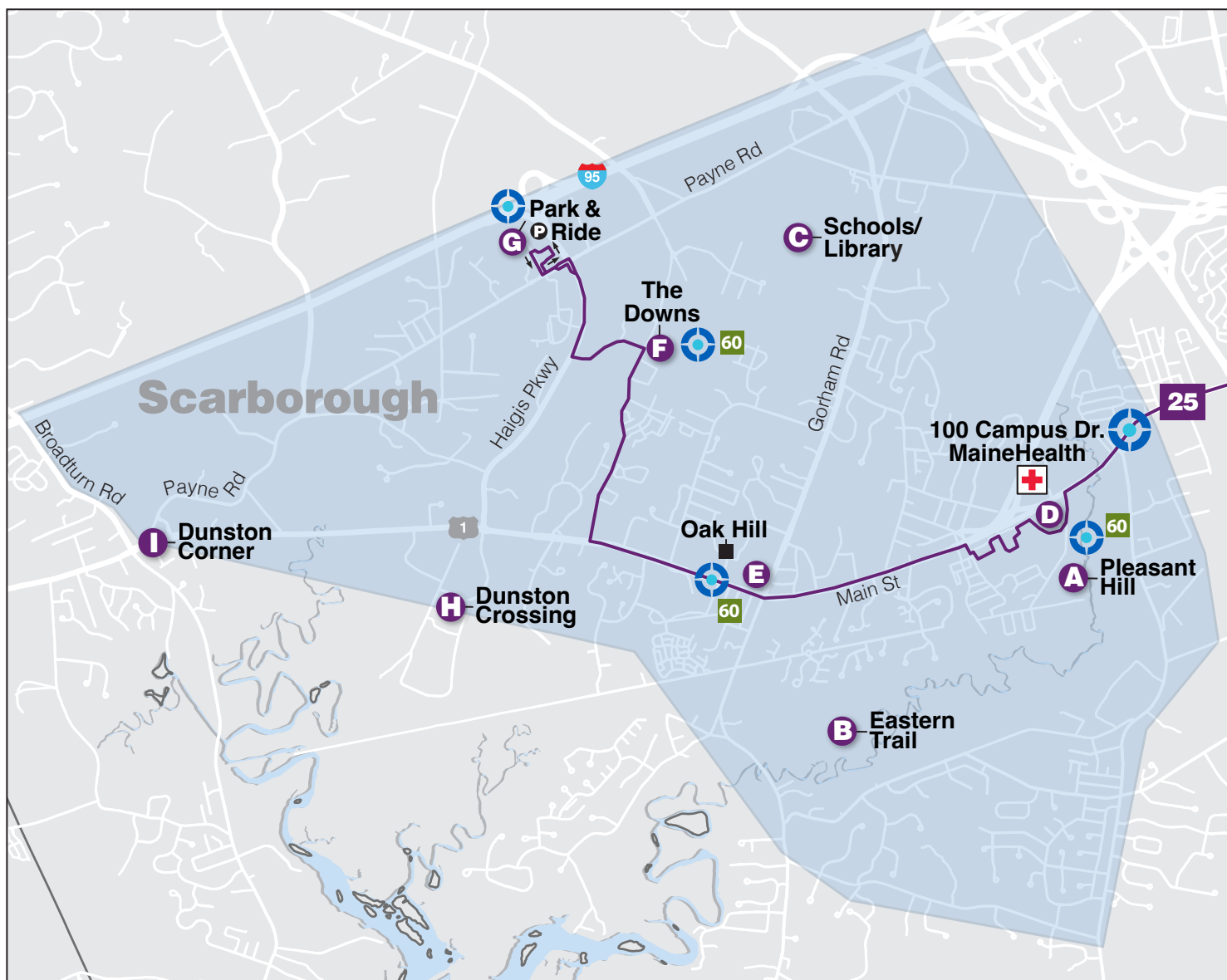
Connect to Metro Route #25 for service to Downtown Portland or Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit Route #60.

Fare Information (effective August 1, 2026)
\$2.25 fare / \$1.10 reduced fare for eligible passengers.

3 WAYS TO PAY



GREATER PORTLAND
metro
 GREATER PORTLAND ON-DEMAND TRANSIT
207.774.0351 gpmetro.org

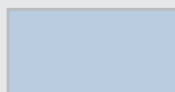


Location within the Zone

- A** Pleasant Hill
- B** Eastern Trail
- C** Schools/Library
- D** MaineHealth/Scarborough
- E** Oak Hill
- F** The Downs
- G** Park & Ride/Cabela's
- H** Dunston Crossing
- I** Dunston Corner

KEY

 **Route 25**

 **A-H**

Destinations within zones
(*Not a complete listing)

 **Metro Route 25 bus stops**
(Approximate locations)
Bus stops are located app. 1/4 mile apart.
Not all bus stops are shown on Map

Bus stops for Metro that are located within the zone are also serviced by Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit (BSOOB Transit). Connect to Metro Route #25 or BSOOB Transit Route #60 (check schedule at bsoobtransit.org).

