

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
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 5:32 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. Fellows	

Prior to moving on with tonight's business, Chairman Fellows took a moment to acknowledge the tragic loss of a young community member over this past weekend, Abdulrahman Mohammed, who was an 8th grader at Scarborough Middle School, was killed while riding his bike, in Portland and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for a moment of silence for Abdulrahman, his Family, his friends, and classmates. Thank you.

Item 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Order No. 26-077. Act on the request for an executive session to consult with Legal Counsel regarding Federal Immigration Activities, pursuant to Title 1, §405.6.E. [Town Council] Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval on the request for an executive session to consult with Legal Counsel regarding Federal Immigration Activities, pursuant to Title 1, §405.6.E.

Vote: 7 Yes. Motion Carried.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Before moving on to public comments, Chairman Fellows gave a brief overview regarding the meeting legal counsel about the town's authority concerning ICE. He noted key points included land use discussions, access to ICE facility information, and a draft ordinance to limit municipal cooperation with ICE. An open letter will be created to request further information, and coordination with outside counsel would continue, though some issues may prove challenging.

Item 5. General Public Comments.

- Nina McKee of Black Point Road, thanked the Council for your good diligence in addressing the problem of ICE. She felt the Council was doing a wonderful, wonderful job, and were really on it, and doing the best you can with your hands tied. She thanked the Council will all her heart, because we need to get these people out of our community.

- George Magellis, President of the Pine Point Association, provided an update on the Association's mission to unify the community and gather input on the parking situation along Jones Creek Drive. The association has over 250 members from 125 properties, with a majority being year-round residents. A recent survey on parking has received 28 responses, revealing varied opinions: some residents support current parking conditions, while others request changes for safety and visibility. There is no consensus on parking preferences. A complete survey report will be available by the end of September.
- Jennifer Jortberg of Scarborough, thanked local leaders for considering legal input on ICE removal, which she associated with increased violence risk. She noted a meeting of about 50 local group members organizing working groups to tackle the issue. She pledged regular updates on their activities and requested further guidance, acknowledging the Town Council's support amid a lack of federal assistance.
- Nick Morales, a Marine Corps veteran from Scarborough, advocated for lawful federal immigration enforcement and cooperation between local and federal officials. He stressed the importance of consistent immigration law enforcement and communication with ICE to fight human trafficking. He urged the Council to uphold lawful cooperation for public safety and to address misconduct allegations with evidence, promoting town policies focused on law, evidence, and community safety.
- Ed Blanchard of Payne Road brought up upcoming ordinance changes from the Shellfish Committee. One proposed change includes a 4-inch maximum size limit for clams, which he supports but hopes could be larger. Another proposal suggests closing the town to commercial diggers in January and February, which Blanchard opposes, citing his successful clamming during that period. He believed this closure is likely to pass despite its negative impact on his livelihood, stressing that community support at Shellfish meetings is crucial for those against the closure.
- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, suggested including Holmes Road in discussions with MDOT and the Downs team about the Traffic Movement Permit. She prioritizes Holmes Road over Haigis Parkway, citing its significant regional traffic and its role in serving West Scarborough and neighboring communities. She noted that, given Holmes Road's inadequate design for current traffic levels, it should be a key focus for off-site improvements, especially with increasing traffic from the Downs development. She advocated for proactive measures to prevent additional burdens on local taxpayers.
- Alyson Bristol of Bayview Avenue, supported the micro transit service to Kaler Vail for connecting residents within a 2-mile radius to fixed routes. The service functions as a shuttle for errands like medical appointments and grocery shopping. There is a focus on accommodating Kaler Vail residents and Scarborough seniors with dedicated vehicles. She commended the two ladies from Kaler Vail for their engagement in community meetings to promote the initiative and expressed a commitment to continue supporting these efforts in the future.

Item 6. Minutes: September 2, 2026 - Town Council Meeting. Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of the meeting minutes from the September 2, 2026, Town Council meeting, as written.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 7. Adjustment to the Agenda. None at this time.

Item 8. Items to be signed: a. Treasurer's Warrants. Treasurer's Warrants were signed prior to the meeting.

Item 9. Town Manager's Report. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave the following updates:

- **Scottow Hill Road Closure**
 - Survey and preliminary design underway- Scottow and Payne crossings
 - MIAF Grant award announcement delayed into October
 - Unconditional award not until Spring 2027
 - Budget authority secured for all options
 - Town Council Workshop on September 30, 2026
- **Data Center Moratorium**
 - Ordinance Committee considered and approved - September 9
 - Town Council Adoption Timeline:
 - First Reading - Sept. 16
 - Planning Board - Oct. 19
 - Second Reading/Adoption - Oct. 21
 - 180 day Moratorium ends on November 20, 2026
- **IF&W Update** - Preparing Response
 - Additional language in Beach Management Agreement
 - Focus on enhanced efforts, zero-tolerance from April 1 to May 15
- **Portland West**
 - MDOT evaluating four alternative approaches
 - Concepts proposed for discussion and feedback
 - Meeting on September 22
- **Metro Pilot Launch**
 - Soft Launch Service - Late September
 - Project Kickoff Event - October 2 at 9:00 AM at PSB
- **Downs - Traffic Movement Permit**
 - Discussion led by DOT-but we are luck to be participates
 - Permit is about capacity
 - Would let DOT know of concerns mentioned this evening
- **Jones Creek**
 - Restore Parking in a way to implement general safety/engineering design
 - Trying to have consistency and regularity is spaces
- **5th Junior Firefighters Muster**
 - October 25, 2026, rain date of November 1, 20/26
 - Scarborough Fire Department, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Alternative Meeting Location**
 - Reserve Chamber A and B for Absentee Voting
 - Relocate meetings to PSB Classroom 10/1 thru 11/2
 - October 21 Town Council Meeting

- **Upcoming Workshops**
 - Sept. 30 - Scottow Hill Road
 - Oct. 21 - Climate Action Plan
- **Parks and Conservation Land Board**
 - Reviewed request from Scarborough Land Trust on 8 properties
 - Have conservation easements or ownership transferred to Land Trusts
 - Coming before Council for consideration

Item 10. Standing and Special Committee Reports and Liaison Reports.

- Councilor Doherty noted that at the Shellfish Conservation Commission meeting where the Commission discussed closing clam flats for the months of January and February, which was met with opposition from experienced diggers and changing the maximum size limit for clams to 4-inches. He felt let mother nature take its course to set things right.
- Councilor Cain noted that the Finance Committee did not meet this month. The Chamber of Commerce would be meeting on Monday and the would also be hosting Candidates Night with SEDCO on Tuesday, September 22nd starting at 6:00 p.m. Community Services recently held a productive meeting, reporting 580 kids in the soccer program this fall and positive feedback from Summerfest. Additionally, the before and after school program is fully staffed with no waiting list for the first time in a long while.
- Councilor Shupe noted that the Ordinance Committee focused on two key items: updates to the Sign Ordinance and the Data Center ordinance. The Parks and Conservation Land Board would be advancing an application from the Scarborough Land Trust to acquire 58 acres off Burnham Road. The Planning Board's upcoming meeting would assess the clear-cutting Timber Harvesting Ordinances and plans for 24 single homes and 5 duplexes on Sawyer Road. Additionally, renovations for the middle school and Wentworth were also discussed.
- Chairman Fellows noted that Long Range Planning recently concluded its interactive zoning review focused on coastal areas, including Pine Point and Higgins, as well as rural residential sectors near the Turnpike. Discussions emphasized the need for resource protection, setbacks, and conservation, while also considering existing waterfronts and businesses. He had also attended MMA Legislative Policy meeting, which highlighted legislative priorities centering on local control, home rule, and advocating for better revenue sharing from the state for municipalities, amidst ongoing concerns over unfunded mandates.
- Councilor Anderson noted that Transportation Committee would be focused on the Portland West options, which were a significant political issue for the Council. A suggested workshop could enhance public awareness, as past delays negatively impacted community engagement. Five options are being evaluated, ranging from minimal intersection improvements to a potential four-lane toll road. Public participation in forums is encouraged, especially for the meeting on the 29th. Additionally, the committee may review the traffic calming policy in October, addressing residents' concerns and incorporating recommendations based on the Complete Streets Guidance Manual.
- Councilor Hayes noted the Communications Committee would be hosting 5 Council Corner session and as soon as the dates are available they would be posted to the town calendar. The Town Newsletter, led by Allison Carrier, contains valuable data, and

everyone is encouraged to read it. Additionally, feedback was gathered from attendees of recent Communication meetings regarding a job description, and the input received has been appreciated, with plans to incorporate some suggestions.

Item 11. RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS. None at this.

Item 12. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Order No. 26-078. 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing and action on the renewal requests for Junkyard Permits, pursuant to Title 30-A – M.R.S.A. Chapter 183: Matthew Colpritt, located at 343 Payne Road, SVR New England, LP, located at 40 Holmes Road and Goldstein Steel, located at 36 Running Hill Road. [Town Clerk's Office] A brief overview was given on this Order. Chairman Fellows opened the public hearing. There being no comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of on the request for Junkyard Permits, pursuant to Title 30-A – M.R.S.A. Chapter 183: Matthew Colpritt, located at 343 Payne Road, SVR New England, LP, located at 40 Holmes Road and Goldstein Steel, located at 36 Running Hill Road.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Order No. 26-079, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing and action on the new request for a Liquor License from Sangram, LLC d/b/a Coastal Curry, located at 300 Gallery Blvd. Unit B. [Town Clerk's Office] A brief overview was given on this Order. Chairman Fellows opened the public hearing. As there were no comments either for or against, the hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval on the new request for a Liquor License from Sangram, LLC d/b/a Coastal Curry, located at 300 Gallery Blvd. Unit B.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 13. OLD BUSINESS:

Order No. 26-075. Act on the request, pursuant to Title 23, M.R.S.A. §3025 and the requirements of Section 4, of the Scarborough Street Acceptance Ordinance, to approve the acceptance of public infrastructure, as noted and recommended by the Town Engineer and to accept a portion of Larrabee Farm Road as a public way and accept a quit claim deed for the road with covenant from Grondin Aggregates LLC. Tabled from the September 2, 2026 Town Council meeting. [Town Manager] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval on request, pursuant to Title 23, M.R.S.A. §3025 and the requirements of Section 4, of the Scarborough Street Acceptance Ordinance, to approve the acceptance of public infrastructure, as noted and recommended by the Town Engineer and to accept a portion of Larrabee Farm Road as a public way and accept a quit claim deed for the road with covenant from Grondin Aggregates LLC. Tabled from the September 2, 2026 Town Council meeting.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 14. NEW BUSINESS:

Order No. 26-080. First Reading and refer to the Planning Board, the proposed changes to Chapter 405 - Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, Section XII.J. Temporary Signs. [Town Manager] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of the first reading and refer to the Planning Board, the proposed changes to Chapter 405 - Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, Section XII.J. Temporary Signs and schedule the public hearing and second reading upon receipt of Planning Board review, as follows:

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled, that the following amendments to a portion of Chapter 405- the Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, Section XII. Sign Regulations, J. Temporary Signs, is be and hereby is amended, as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are struck through):

J. TEMPORARY SIGNS

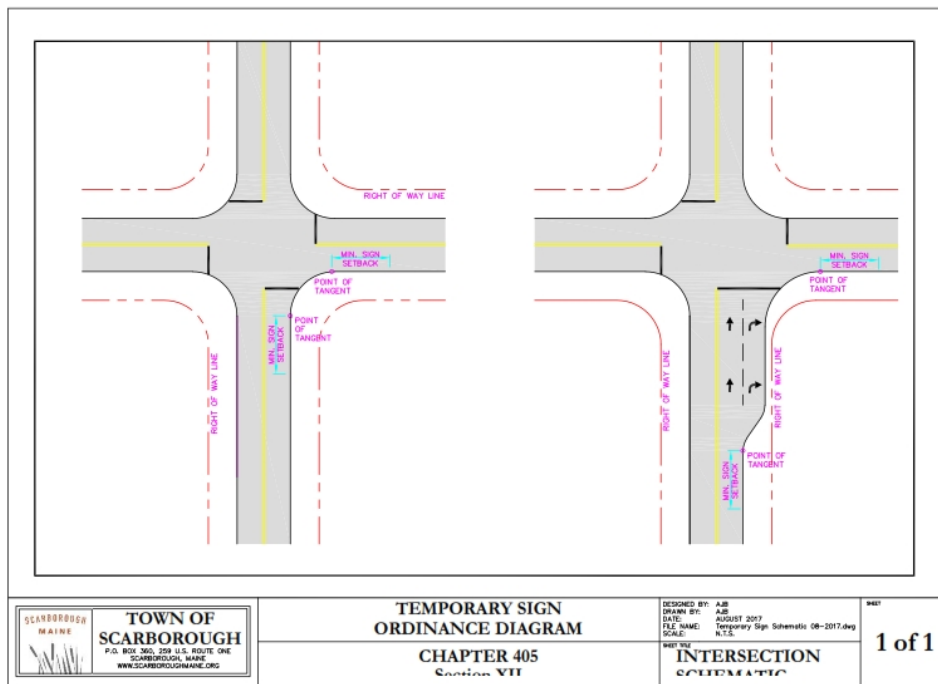
The following temporary signs are permitted and shall conform to standards within municipal, state or federal ordinances, statutes or regulations.

Temporary signs specified in this section shall not be attached to fences, trees, utility poles, ~~fixtures, light poles,~~ traffic control ~~devices signs, or the like~~ devices, a rotary traffic island, a control-of-access area, or a median less than 6 feet wide. No temporary signs can be located within the public right-of-way limits of the interstate system or within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the interstate system and erected in such a fashion that the message may be read from the interstate highway. [09/06/17]

To protect ecologically sensitive areas and scenic views no temporary signs shall be placed in the public right-of-way along:[09/06/17]

- Route One between Dolloff Way and Southgate Road
- Black Point Road between Old County Road and Tide Mill Lane
- Black Point Road between Seal Rock Drive and Sanctuary Lane
- Pine Point Road between 67 Pine Point Road and the Eastern Trail
- Pine Point Road between Holly Street and Snow Canning Road
- Pleasant Hill Road from Minuteman Drive to Hackmatack Drive (Pleasant Hill Preserve Area)
- Bayview Avenue between Houghton Street and Morning Street

To promote public safety in and around intersections with high traffic volumes no temporary signs shall be placed in the public right-of-way within 30 feet of the following intersections, as measure linearly from the point of tangent to the intersection, or the point of tangent where a dedicated turn lane is provided, whichever is furthest from the intersection:



- The Highland Avenue - Chamberlain Road intersection [Added 11/5/25]
- The Route One – Broadturn Road/Pine Point Road intersection
- The Route One – Payne Road intersection
- The Route One – Haigis Parkway intersection
- The Route One - Gorham Road/Black Point Road intersection
- The Route One - Pleasant Hill Road intersection
- The Route One – Scarborough Downs Road intersection [Added 11/5/25]
- The Payne Road - Haigis Parkway intersection
- The Payne Road - Gorham Road intersection
- The Payne Road - Gallery Boulevard intersection
- The Payne Road – Scarborough Downs Road intersection [Added 11/5/25]

The number of temporary signs permitted under this subsection is in addition to the maximum number of signs allowed on a lot or the maximum gross display area allowed on a wall:

1. Temporary Signs in the **public** Right-of-Way [Adopted 09/06/17][Amended 11/28/18]

Temporary signs ~~in placed within~~ the **public** right-of-way are permitted for ~~a period not to exceed maximum of~~ 12 weeks ~~in a per~~ calendar year, except that a temporary sign may not be placed within the public right-of-way for more than 6 weeks from January 1 and June 30 or for more than 6 weeks between July 1 and December 31. All signs shall be removed by the deadlines established herein. ~~All temporary signs in the right-of-way must include or be marked with name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the right-of-way. To control the proliferation of signs repeating the same or similar message, A temporary signs may in the~~

~~right-of-way shall~~ not be placed with 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. This distance requirement applies to streets on a linear basis with a separate measurement done for every intersecting street. Temporary signs in the public right-of-way may not be placed in a position that will obstruct or impair vision or traffic or in any manner create a hazard or disturbance to the health and welfare of the general public. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet x 8 feet in size. A sign under this paragraph must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way

2. Temporary Signs on Private Property [Adopted 09/06/17]

Temporary signs on private property are permitted for no more than 6 consecutive months with not less than 30 days between displays of a sign bearing the same message. Temporary signs on private property may not be placed in a position that will obstruct or impair vision or traffic or in any manner create a hazard or a disturbance to the health and welfare of the general public.

3. Temporary Sandwich Board Sign. [Adopted 08/19/09][09/06/17]

One (1) Sandwich Board Sign may be displayed on the premises of a commercial or similar public entity for general commercial uses. Sandwich Board Signs shall be limited to a maximum gross area of eight (8) sq. ft. and a maximum height of 48". The location of Sandwich Board Signs shall be limited to the sidewalk or walkway leading to the main entrance of the building in which the business is located and shall be located no greater than fifteen feet (15') from the building's main entrance. Sandwich Board Signs shall only be displayed during the hours the business or use is open for customers or visitors and shall not be counted toward calculating the maximum number of signs or the maximum gross display area of signs on the property. A Sandwich Board Sign shall require a sign permit, per subsection A.2., which will establish a business or uses ability to use such a sign and delineate the area in which it will be displayed. A Sandwich Board Sign shall be located on a sidewalk or walkway in a manner that it does not infringe on handicap accessibility or safe pedestrian movement and that safely secures the sign in one location.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Order No. 26-081. First Reading and refer to the Planning Board, the proposed changes to Chapter 405 - Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, Section VI. Definitions and add definitions pertaining to Data Centers. [Planning Director] Autumn Speer, Planning Director, gave a brief overview on this Order. The following spoke on this Order:

- Daniel Dickinson of 121 Two Rod Road LLC and 122 Two Rod Road LLC opposed the proposed amendments. He stated that he had submitted a written statement of opposition [see below] and expressed his concerns regarding Order 26-081. He stated that the Council had previously enacted a moratorium to study data center use and its construction for proper regulation. He criticized the proposal as a "data center ban disguised as a definition" and questioned the absence of professional studies to support it, claiming that such studies do not exist.

September 16, 2026

Town Council
Town of Scarborough
c/o Office of the Town Clerk
259 U.S. Route One
Scarborough, Maine 04074

Re: Public comment — Order No. 26-081, first reading, September 16, 2026, Chapter 405, Section VI

Please accept the enclosed statement as public comment on Order No. 26-081, first reading before the Town Council on September 16, 2026.

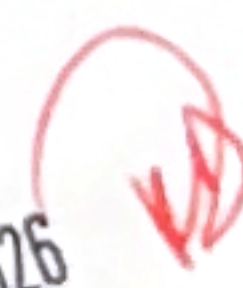
I request that the statement be placed in the public record of that meeting and attached to the minutes. A written statement was also filed with the Ordinance Committee on September 8 and presented on September 9. I ask that that filing travel with this item.

Respectfully,

Daniel Dickinson
President
121 Two Rod Road, LLC
151 Two Rod Road, LLC

/s/ Daniel Dickinson

Enclosure: Statement in Opposition

SEP 16 2026 

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION

Request to Return the Proposed Data Center Ban and Exclusions
Order No. 26-081 • Town Council first reading • Chapter 405, Section VI

To: Town Council, Town of Scarborough

From: Daniel Dickinson, President, 121 Two Rod Road, LLC and 151 Two Rod Road, LLC

SEP 16 2026
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Date: September 16, 2026

Re: Order No. 26-081 — first reading, September 16, 2026, Chapter 405, Section VI (data centers). Request to return the item.

Please accept this statement as public comment on Order No. 26-081 first reading. Respectfully, I ask that you place it in the public record of the September 16, 2026 meeting and attach it to the minutes. On September 8 I filed a written statement with the Ordinance Committee and presented in person on September 9. That filing is now on the record and I ask that it travel with this item.

Order No. 26-081 is staff's request: first-read the draft and refer it to the Planning Board. The cover sheet subject line says the order is to "add and amend definitions pertaining to Data Center uses." The body of the same sheet is a townwide ban. Staff recommends an exclusion sentence in High Technology Facility, an exclusion sentence in Research, Development, and Light Industrial, a GPCOG definition with the prohibition baked in, and that "the data center use not be permitted in any zoning district."

The Ordinance Committee did not write a recommendation. The cover sheet states only that the Committee "discussed the amendment" on September 9 "and voted to move the item forward to the full Town Council for consideration 3:0." No findings. No study. No performance standards. A 3-0 vote to send staff's draft to Council is not the 180-day work the moratorium described. This Council should not approve first reading of Order No. 26-081. It should not refer this draft to the Planning Board. Send it back to the Ordinance Committee and to the Sustainability Committee.

1. The chair said the studies were not done.

Staff's September 9 memorandum hangs this amendment on the June 3 moratorium: 180 days to study the impact of constructing and operating data centers, then to adopt amendments that "appropriately and adequately regulate" the use. Study, then regulate. Appropriately means the rule fits the use — site-specific, scaled to design, the method already in Section IX(M) and in the GPCOG booklet. Adequately means the rule is sufficient to address the impacts the Town listed. Neither word means erase the use from every district. A prohibition is a decision not to regulate. It is not appropriate regulation and it is not adequate regulation, because the study that would tell this Council what is adequate was never done.

I put that gap on the record on September 8 and again at the podium on September 9: no certified engineers, no Scarborough impact study. The chair did not dispute it. She took up the point — "when I think about why haven't we done the studies" — and answered it. For this community, she said, "it's not where we want to be spending our money and pursuing right now." She then voted to move the ban forward "as it is written and proposed," and described that vote as something to "put in place for now."

A prohibition in the definition section is not "for now." It is a permanent text amendment. Choosing not to fund the study is not a finding that the study occurred. It is an admission that the 180-day assignment was not carried

out, followed by a recommendation to ban the use anyway. This Council should not approve first reading of that product. It should not refer this draft to the Planning Board. It should send the assignment back to the committees that were supposed to do the work.

2. Thanking Sustainability for a deep dive does not create one.

The chair thanked the Sustainability Committee for a “deep dive” and “great guidance memos.” Those three meetings, and the canceled August 28 meeting, produced no certified third-party study of noise, power, cooling, water, vibration, traffic, or other site impacts. The only outside voice was Maine Conservation Voters. MCV is not a licensed engineer. A GPCOG booklet is not a Scarborough impact study. On its own terms it does not recommend approval or denial of any project and tells municipalities to review each proposal on site-specific facts. Staff copied a definition and threw away that method. A two-page memo that says mitigation would be “so arduous” it would “equate to a ban” is a decision not to write standards. Calling that a deep dive does not make it one.

3. A definition is irrelevant while a total ban is still attached.

Separating “just add a definition” from this draft is a false split. The prohibition sentence is written into the definition. The exclusions strip the use out of High Technology Facility and Research, Development, and Light Industrial. First-reading the definition while the ban rides with it does not study anything. It advances the ban.

Councilors, staff, and committee members keep reciting a list of impacts: power, water, noise, the marsh. Reciting a list is not research. This packet has no case study of a low-impact facility. It has no comparison to industrial uses this Town has already approved under site plan. This draft skips that review for an entire class of indoor technology and calls the skip a study.

On September 9 the chair said she does not want to close the door “if technology advances,” and that this vote was something to put in place “for now.” That is her position. Mine is this: low-impact design already exists — closed-loop and air cooling, and on-site power generation. Waiting until “the technology gets better” is not a date and not a standard. GPCOG already told municipalities to review each proposal on site-specific facts. Section IX(M) already does that work. A townwide ban treats every design as the worst case. Neither the Sustainability Committee nor the Ordinance Committee measured that case, or any other.

The chair also pointed to community-benefit and contract-zone ideas, and noted low traffic and taxes. Those are arguments for conditions after a study. They are not in this draft. If the Town wants community benefit from a low-impact facility, send the committees back to write that path. Do not approve first reading of a ban and call it a pause.

4. Process.

The cover sheet still cites an unadopted Draft Climate Action Plan and lists a Council workshop on that draft for September 16. That workshop is not on tonight’s public agenda. Do not approve first reading of a zoning ban that leans on a plan this Council has not workshopped and has not adopted.

Request.

Do not approve first reading of Order No. 26-081. Do not refer this draft to the Planning Board. Return it to the Ordinance Committee and to the Sustainability Committee with a direction to do the work the June 3 moratorium described: study the impact of construction and operation in Scarborough — noise, power, cooling, water, and traffic — by qualified third parties. The study cannot look only at the largest, most resource-heavy campuses. It has to look at low-impact facilities in operation, and at approved facilities under construction, that use closed-

loop or air cooling instead of evaporative cooling, heat recovery, and on-site power generation that does not depend on diesel generators or gas turbines for backup. Then draft amendments that regulate the use under those facts. Not a prohibition written into a definition. Not exclusions that gut the two existing high-technology categories.

Until that study exists, a data-center definition packaged with a townwide ban is not ready to be referred to the Planning Board. This is a major zoning change on the bare minimum of paper: a regional booklet, a two-page memo, and an unadopted climate draft. That is not "appropriately and adequately." Keep High Technology and Research, Development, and Light Industrial intact. If a later proposal cannot meet Section IX(M), the Planning Board denies it. That is regulation. This packet is not.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Dickinson

President

121 Two Rod Road, LLC

151 Two Rod Road, LLC

/s/ Daniel Dickinson

- Denise Hamilton of Two Rod Road, supported an Ordinance in Scarborough prohibiting Data Centers as a primary land use, while permitting related technologies that support other uses. This position is informed by guidance from GPCOG, the Sustainability Committee, and the Maine Data Center Advisory Council, focusing on environmental impacts, infrastructure needs, and community proximity. She highlighted the state's prior efforts to restrict data center permits and asserts that suitable locations in Scarborough would negatively impact residential areas and natural resources.
- Stephen Zameirowski of Theresa Massa Lane, expressed support for a ban on Data Centers due to their heavy resource consumption, particularly electricity and water, as well as potential hazards. He advocated for a broader approach that assesses and limits resource usage rather than simply labeling entities as data centers. He suggested establishing fair resource usage limits to avoid future issues with similar businesses that may also be resource-intensive.
- Nina McKee of Black Point Road, expressed her support for a new ordinance regarding land use and resource management. She praised the Council's efforts to address concerns about excessive land use, water, and electricity consumption and expressed hope for the ordinance's approval, thanking the Council for their work.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval first Reading and refer to the Planning Board, the proposed changes to Chapter 405 - Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, Section VI. Definitions and add definitions pertaining to Data Centers and schedule the Town Council public hearing upon receipt of Planning Board review; as follows:

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Scarborough, Maine, in Town Council assembled, that the following amendments to Chapter 405 - the Town of Scarborough Zoning Ordinance, be and hereby is amended, as follows as presented (additions are underlined and in red font):

SECTION VI. DEFINITIONS

Except where specifically defined herein, all words used in this Ordinance shall carry their customary meanings. Words used in the present tense include the future, and the plural includes the singular; the word “lot” includes the word “plot”; the word “building” includes the word “structure”; the word “shall” is always mandatory; “occupied” or “used” shall be considered as though followed by the words “or intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied”; the terms “building inspector” and “code enforcement officer” are synonymous. [12/01/04] [10/04/17]

Data Center:

The use of land, buildings or structures for housing computer servers, data-storage systems, networking equipment, or other electronic equipment used to store, process, manage, or transmit digital information. A data center includes related and accessory equipment and facilities necessary to support its operation, including electrical rooms, substations, transformers, battery systems, uninterruptible power supplies, backup generators, fuel storage, cooling equipment, chillers, cooling towers, air handlers, liquid-cooling systems, water treatment or storage systems, fire-suppression systems, security facilities, network connections, and offices or maintenance areas that are incidental to the data-center use. A data center does not include a server room,

telecommunications closet, computer equipment room, or similar accessory space that is customarily incidental to another principal use, such as an office, school, municipal building, hospital, research facility, financial institution, industrial facility, or retail business, where the primary use of the property is not the storage, processing, management, or transmission of digital information for third parties or large-scale internal operations. Data Centers are prohibited in all zoning districts.

High Technology Facility:

The use of land, buildings or structures for research, development, light assembly, or light manufacturing activities that does not create any danger to health or safety in surrounding areas, does not create offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat or glare, that by reason of the high value of the product in relation to its size and weight does not create large volumes of truck traffic, and that conforms to the performance standards of Section IX(M). High Technology Facility excludes Data Center uses.

Research, Development, and Light Industrial:

The use of land, buildings or structures for research, development, light assembly, or light manufacturing activities that does not create any danger to health or safety in surrounding areas and does not create offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat or glare, and that conforms to the performance standards of Section IX(M.1). Research, Development, and Light Industrial excludes Data Center uses. [Adopted 06/20/12]

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Order No. 26-082. First reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 1301 - Town of Scarborough General Assistance Ordinance. [Social Services Coordinator-General Assistance] Liam Gallagher, Assistant Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Hayes, to move approval of the first reading on first reading on the proposed amendments to Chapter 1301 - Town of Scarborough General Assistance Ordinance and schedule a public hearing and second reading for Wednesday, September 30, 2026, as follows:

Appendix A

Effective: 10/01/2026-09/30/2027

2026-2027 GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

COUNTY	Persons in Household				
	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	1,368	1,444	1,825	2,346	2,467

Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,390	1,537	2,016	2,618	3,342
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	1,254	1,340	1,745	2,255	2,536
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	1,080	1,167	1,531	1,979	2,211
Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,616	1,824	2,343	2,872	3,523
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	1,216	1,390	1,735	2,412	2,910
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick,	1,409	1,553	1,888	2,528	2,817

Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells					
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,670	1,846	2,422	2,904	4,063

***Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.**

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household					
COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	1,036	1,044	1,346	1,839	1,913
Franklin County	1,002	1,109	1,454	1,925	1,933
Hancock County	1,350	1,657	1,651	2,252	2,261
Kennebec County	1,190	1,199	1,558	2,001	2,347
Knox County	1,211	1,257	1,511	1,909	2,064
Lincoln County	1,344	1,408	1,543	2,130	2,278
Oxford County	982	1,088	1,425	1,981	2,389
Piscataquis County	1,076	1,189	1,561	1,871	2,067
Somerset County	1,117	1,191	1,393	1,858	1,993
Waldo County	1,272	1,279	1,582	2,052	2,346
Washington County	949	1,049	1,377	1,913	2,137

*** Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.**

Appendix B

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2026-2027 FOOD MAXIMUMS

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the [U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan](#). As of October 1, 2026, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 71.16	\$306.00
2	\$130.70	\$562.00
3	\$187.91	\$808.00
4	\$237.91	\$1,023.00
5	\$283.02	\$1,217.00
6	\$340.23	\$1,463.00
7	\$375.81	\$1,616.00
8	\$428.14	\$1,841.00

Note: For each additional person add \$225 per month.

Appendix C

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2026-2027 GA HOUSING MAXIMUMS (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! Municipalities should ONLY **consider** adopting the following numbers, if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted and the figures should be altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. **Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)**

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Aroostook County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	199	855	234	1,006
1	199	855	235	1,011
2	246	1,059	304	1,306
3	347	1,492	417	1,793
4	349	1,500	433	1,861
<u>Franklin County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	193	828	227	976
1	208	892	251	1,079
2	274	1,177	330	1,418
3	370	1,589	438	1,884
4	370	1,589	438	1,884

<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	278	1,196	308	1,323
1	278	1,196	309	1,327
2	327	1,406	376	1,615
3	455	1,958	514	2,211
4	455	1,958	514	2,211
<u>Kennebec County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	241	1,037	271	1,164
1	241	1,307	272	1,170
2	306	1,315	354	1,524
3	397	1,709	456	1,961
4	470	2,021	541	2,325

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	247	1,062	277	1,189
1	248	1,067	286	1,230
2	294	1,265	343	1,474
3	376	1,615	434	1,867
4	397	1,709	468	2,013
<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	278	1,195	307	1,322
1	283	1,218	321	1,381
2	302	1,297	350	1,506
3	427	1,836	486	2,088
4	447	1,923	518	2,227
<u>Oxford County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	193	829	222	956
1	208	896	246	1,059
2	275	1,182	323	1,391
3	393	1,689	451	1,941
4	474	2,036	544	2,340
<u>Piscataquis County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	208	896	244	1,051

1	229	983	270	1,159
2	301	1,293	354	1,521
3	359	1,544	423	1,820
4	388	1,668	466	2,002
<u>Somerset County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	219	943	254	1,091
1	227	974	270	1,161
2	260	1,116	315	1,357
3	354	1,522	422	1,815
4	370	1,589	452	1,944

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Waldo County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	260	1,119	290	1,246
1	260	1,119	291	1,250
2	311	1,339	360	1,548
3	409	1,760	468	2,012
4	464	1,993	534	2,297
<u>Washington County</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	185	795	214	922
1	199	856	237	1,019
2	263	1,132	312	1,341
3	377	1,619	435	1,872
4	414	1,782	435	2,086

Metropolitan FMR Areas

<u>Bangor HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly⁹⁸	Weekly	Monthly
0	283	1,219	313	1,346
1	292	1,255	330	1,417
2	368	1,583	417	1,792
3	478	2,054	536	2,306
4	491	2,113	562	2,417
<u>Cumberland Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	289	1,241	318	1,368
1	313	1,347	351	1,510
2	412	1,770	460	1,979
3	540	2,324	599	2,576

4	695	2,987	765	2,291
<u>Lewiston/Auburn MSA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	256	1,101	286	1,228
1	267	1,148	305	1,311
2	349	1,502	398	1,711
3	456	1,963	515	2,215
4	508	2,183	578	2,487

<u>Penobscot Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	216	931	246	1,058
1	227	978	265	1,140
2	300	1,289	348	1,498
3	392	1,687	451	1,939
4	432	1,857	503	2,161

<u>Portland HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	341	1,467	371	1,594
1	380	1,634	418	1,797
2	488	2,097	536	2,306
3	599	2,578	658	2,830
4	737	3,168	807	3,472

<u>Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	248	1,067	278	1,194
1	279	1,200	317	1,363
2	346	1,489	395	1,698
3	492	2,118	551	2,370
4	594	2,555	665	2,859

<u>York Cty. HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	293	1,260	323	1,387
1	317	1,363	355	1,526
2	382	1,642	430	1,851
3	519	2,234	578	2,486
4	573	2,462	643	2,766

<u>York/Kittery/ S. Berwick HMFA</u>	<u>Unheated</u>		<u>Heated</u>	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly

0	354	1,521	383	1,648
1	385	1,656	423	1,819
2	506	2,176	555	2,385
3	607	2,610	666	2,862
4	862	3,780	933	4,012

2026-2027 GA Housing Maximums Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/01/2026-09/30/2027

Non-Metropolitan Areas	25 Beds or Less		26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Aroostook County	\$176.25	\$758.25	\$123.38	\$530.78
Franklin County	\$188.25	\$809.25	\$131.78	\$566.48
Hancock County	\$231.75	\$995.25	\$162.23	\$696.68
Kennebec County	\$204.00	\$877.50	\$142.80	\$614.25
Knox County	\$214.50	\$922.50	\$150.15	\$645.75
Lincoln County	\$240.75	\$1,035.75	\$168.53	\$725.03
Oxford County	\$184.50	\$794.25	\$129.15	\$555.98
Piscataquis County	\$202.50	\$869.25	\$141.75	\$608.48
Somerset County	\$202.50	\$870.75	\$141.75	\$609.53
Waldo County	\$218.25	\$937.50	\$152.78	\$656.25
Washington County	\$177.75	\$764.25	\$124.43	\$534.98

Metropolitan FMR Areas	25 Beds or Less		26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Bangor HMFA	\$247.50	\$1,062.75	\$173.25	\$743.93
Cumberland County HMFA	\$263.25	\$1,132.50	\$184.28	\$792.75
Lewiston/Auburn MSA	\$228.75	\$983.25	\$160.13	\$688.28
Penobscot County HMFA	\$198.75	\$855.00	\$139.13	\$598.50
Portland HMFA	\$313.50	\$1,347.75	\$219.45	\$943.43
Sagadahoc County HMFA	\$237.75	\$1,022.25	\$166.43	\$715.58
York County HMFA	\$266.25	\$1,144.50	\$186.38	\$801.15
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA	\$317.25	\$1,364.25	\$222.08	\$954.98

These rates were calculated according to CMR 10-144, Ch. 323, Section V which requires:

- A. Recovery Residence are 75% of 1 bedroom heated rate.
- B. Recovery Residence with 26 or more beds is 70% of the <26 bed rate (A).

Appendix D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see “Heating Fuel” maximums below. But remember, an applicant is ***not automatically*** entitled to the “maximums” established-applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses ***excluding*** electric hot water and heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$19.95	\$85.50
2	\$22.52	\$96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.50 per month.

2) Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses ***excluding*** heat:

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

NOTE: For each additional person add \$14.50 per month.

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

Appendix E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

Appendix F -PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES MAXIMUMS

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Weekly Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

Appendix G

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2026-2027 Mileage Rate

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel, etc. is 56 cents (56¢) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8402 or visit <http://www.state.me.us/osc/>

Appendix H

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Funeral Maximums

Burial Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is **\$1,620**. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one;
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be **\$1,125**.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- crematorium fees
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Item 15. Non-Action Item. None at this time.

Item 16. Council Member Comments.

- Councilor Anderson expressed appreciation for citizen committees, viewing them as advisory rather than decision-making bodies. He acknowledged the hard work of committee members, highlighting a desire for greater public engagement in local governance. While recognizing that some may not attend meetings due to satisfaction with council decisions,

he was disappointed by the lack of participation. He went on to mention term limits for committee members and their preference for maintaining turnover for diverse input. He went on to comment on a meeting that had been held on Monday and what a positive experience it was and thanks a fellow council member for their supportive remarks, which uplifted their spirit during a challenging morning

- Councilor Donovan thanked Chairman Fellows for the update on the meeting with the legal counsel regarding ICE. Emphasizing that the matter is taken seriously and that further discussions will occur in upcoming meetings.
- Councilor Cain noted that Councilor Anderson effectively reported on a meeting attended by around 40 individuals from diverse backgrounds, indicating that the issue discussed is relevant beyond Scarborough, as many from surrounding communities are also engaged. The focus was on the interaction between ICE and the immigrant community, with varying opinions, including calls to abolish ICE. Councilor Anderson was acknowledged for his leadership and consistent efforts in organizing and promoting events related to this cause, recognizing the importance of sustained attention and action on the issue.
- Councilor Doherty spoke on the Town Committees and acknowledged their role in serving the community. He expressed concerns about the pressure on council members, particularly during the second reading of proposals when public opinion can shift dramatically, affecting decision-making, but if you put it out to a vote and the people decide, that's it. He commend a Councilor Anderson for his effective performance and willingness to listen to constituents, embodying the principles of democracy.
- Chairman Fellows commented on the current representative system, emphasizing the role of elected officials in appointing committees and raising issues. He encouraged participation in local governance, noting the importance of transparency and public perception in council deliberations. He also commented on recent incidents related to road safety, including a bike tragedy and urged caution for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, linking this to ongoing traffic safety initiatives.
- Councilor Hayes commented on the meeting with the attorney and expressed appreciation for the council's methodical approach and respectful listening to various voices on important issues. She supported the idea of term limits and noted confusion among potential participants regarding governmental processes. A proposal had been made to create a simplified roadmap for public engagement, outlining how citizens could effectively contribute to discussions on topics like traffic calming and bike lanes. Despite some attendees not being present, she felt that community members were actively communicating their concerns, suggesting confidence in the council's focus on relevant issues.

Item 17. Adjournment. Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Donovan, to move approval to adjourn the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice
Clerk to the Council