

MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 2, 2017
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Call to Order. Chairman Babine called the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. He commented that the Town Council held a workshop prior to this meeting and urged the public to watch it.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call. Roll was called by Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager was also present:

William J. Donovan	Katherine A. St. Clair, Vice-Chair
Robert W. Rowan	Peter F. Hayes
Kathleen M. Foley	Christopher J. Caiazzo
Shawn A. Babine, Chairman	

Public Comments:

- Susan Hamill of Bay Street spoke on the proposed budget and to try keep the budget 2.5% She made further comments relating to an article in the newspaper relating the Town not being able to set the tax rate – false statements and went on to explain why.
- Marj DeSantis of Beech Ridge Road spoke on why she supports the proposed budget. She then encouraged everyone to look at the details. She supports strong schools.
- Dan Quinn of Tenney Lane spoke on why he and his family moved to Scarborough. He then spoke on the proposed budget. He noted that other communities were increasing their budget by 6%.
- Ben Howard of Windsor Pines spoke on the budget vote and questioned some of the position that were being proposed. Sports have boosters that support the sports program. He gave suggestions for the next budget cycle.
- Jennifer Jubilus of Haystack Circle spoke on the process for presenting the proposed budget. She spoke on the school funding in Augusta and felt the 80 vote difference called for further cuts. She was concerned with the division of the town.
- Elaine Richer of Reef Lane commented on the process, trust and transparency. The public should be able to comment on amendments that are being proposed.
- Megan Fallon of Sequoia Lane a recent resident and one reason her family moved here was because of the schools. You put more money into the school, then god things start happening. She felt sad that residents were not willing to invest in their schools and its students.
- Larry Harwell of Puritan Drive noted the High School was ranking being the 5 in the State. He spoke on why he voted no. He spoke on comments that he had heard at the workshop. He felt the School should bring its budget in at what the Town has brought forward. He felt that \$50,000 was too low. He urged the Council to issue the tax bills.
- Stacey Neumann of Windsor Pines Drive spoke on the proposed budget and asked that no cuts be done. If there are any cuts done – yes voters will become no voters. She made further comments in support of the School Budget. Her son also made comments on the budget.
- Rose Perlut of Windsor Pines Drive supported the school budget and please increase budget.

- Sara Mullen of Gunstock Road spoke on why she felt why people voted the way they did. She did not support further cuts. The school does so much with so little. She encouraged no further cuts.
- Jackie Perry of Black Point Road and a member of the Board of Education commented on the booster groups and the money they could bring in; however, that money could change. She made further comments regarding the student/teacher ratio and the lack of one on one. The right facts need to be out there.
- Jess Libby of Black Point Road commented on the concerned taxpayer was concerned about the school keep their expenses at less than 3% and we did that. She urged the Council to not cut any further.
- Hillory Durgin of Sequoia Lane spoke on the distrust that she has heard in the public. She supports the school budget and she felt that 80 vote difference would not mandate a cut. With what is presented the tax rate would be fine.
- Ben Howard of Windsor Pines spoke on comments that had been made and went on to make further comments on the process and the right to vote.

Order No. 17-070. Act on the request to certify the results from the July 25th School Budget Validation Referendum Election. [*Town Clerk*] Motion by Councilor Rowan, seconded by Councilor St. Clair, to move approval to certify the results from the July 25th School Budget Validation Referendum Election, as follows:

Presented for certification by the Town Council, are the election results for the Special School Budget Referendum Election that were held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017:

School Budget Validation Referendum

Yes:	1,847
No:	1,930*
Blanks:	3

There are approximately 16,858 active voters on our voter registration list for this Election [does not include same day registration]. There were 3,780 voters who cast ballots in the July 25th Election. There were 1,724 absentee ballots issued, of which 1,608 were accepted and processed. The percentage for voter turnout for this Election was 22%.

Vote 7 Yeas.

Order No. 17-071. First reading and schedule a public hearing and the second reading on the FY2018 Municipal/School Budget. [*Finance Committee*] Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, gave a brief overview on this Order.

Motion by Chairman Babine, seconded by Councilor St. Clair to move approval of the first reading of the FY2018 School Budget and schedule the public hearing for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 and the second reading for Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Motion by Councilor Caiazzo, seconded by Councilor Donovan, to move approval to amend the main motion by reducing the Schools Operating budget by \$50,000 bringing it to \$47,125,168.

Vote on Amendment: 5 Yeas. 2 Nays [Councilors Foley and Rowan].

Motion by Councilor Donovan, seconded by Councilor St. Clair, to move approval to amend the main motion as amended to combine the public hearing and the second reading on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

Vote on Amendment: 2 Yeas.

5 Nays [Chairman Babine, Councilors Rowan, Foley, St. Clair and Hayes]

Main Motion as Amended:

Budget Order No. 17-071 – FY2018 School Budget

Be it ordered that the Scarborough Town Council moves approval of the first reading on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and **schedule the public hearing for Tuesday August 8, 2017 and second reading for Wednesday, August 16, 2017.**

WHEREAS, the Scarborough Town Council adopted FY2018 Operational and Capital Budgets for the Town and the School on May 17th, with the passage of Order No. 17-030; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, the School Budget must be validated by the voters and it failed at a Special School Budget Validation Election held on June 13, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Scarborough Town Council adopted an amended FY2018 Operational and Capital Budgets for the Town and the School on July 5, 2017, with the passage of Order No. 17-063; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, the School Budget must be validated by the voters and it failed at a Special School Budget Validation Election held on July 25, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council must resubmit an adjusted School Budget to the Voters for validation no less than ten (10) days and no more than forty-five (45) days from July 25, 2017, with the next School Budget Validation Referendum Election date consistent with any approval of Order 17-071; and,

WHEREAS, the budget is as follows: the Education Operating Budget in the sum of \$47,175,168, resulting in the Town of Scarborough raising the sum of \$42,254,017 as the local share for the Education Operating Budget; and a Town Operating Budget of \$32,589,519, resulting in the local share for the municipal budget, the sum of \$18,167,935, resulting in a Total Net Budget of \$62,724,112, with a projected property tax rate increase of 2.99%; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Scarborough Town Council moves approval of the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Town and School Budget in first reading; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that School Budget be reduced by a total of **\$50,000** and therefore the Scarborough Town Council hereby appropriates, for school purposes, the Education Operating Budget, the new sum of **\$47,125,168**, resulting in the Town of Scarborough raising the sum of **\$42,204,017**, as the local share for the Education Operating Budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the final result of these changes produces a new Total Net Budget of \$62,674,112, resulting in a projected tax rate increase of 2.91%.

Vote: 5 Yeas. 2 Nays [Councilors Foley and Rowan].

Order No. 17-072. Act on the request to set the date, time and location of the School Budget Validation Referendum for Tuesday, August 22, 2017. [Town Clerk] Motion by Chairman Babine, seconded by Rowan, to move approval to set the date, time and location of the School Budget Validation Referendum for Tuesday, September 5, 2017, as follows:

**WARRANT
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION
(20-A M.R.S.A. § 1486 and 2307)
TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH
Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Municipality: Scarborough

Voting District: Town Wide

Voting Place Name: Scarborough Municipal Building

Voting Location: 259 US Route One

Polls Open at 7:00 A.M.

Polls Close at 8:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Processing (check all that apply):

Processed by: Clerk (Centrally)

Warden (At Polls)

Date/Time of Processing:

Saturday, September 2, 2017

1-Hour Inspection Time: _____

Time Processing Begins: _____

Monday, September 4, 2017 Early Processing of Absentee Ballots:

1-Hour Inspection Time: _____

Time Processing Begins: _____

During Election Day (9/05) Processing Time(s): 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. AND
AFTER

Only after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (9/05)

Cumberland County, ss.

State of Maine

TO: Robert A. Moulton, the Chief of Police for the Town of Scarborough:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the voters of the Town of Scarborough of the Special Municipal Referendum Election, as described in this warrant.

To the Voters of the Town of Scarborough:

You are hereby notified that a Special School Budget Referendum Election will held at the Scarborough Municipal Building, located at 259 U.S. Route One, in the Town of Scarborough on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, for the purpose of determining the following question:

School Budget Validation Referendum Question No. 1:

- YES Do you favor approving the Scarborough School Budget for the upcoming school
 - NO year that was adopted at the latest Town of Scarborough budget meeting held on
- August 16, 2017?

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any error in or change a name or address on the voting list; to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not registered as a voter may not vote in any Scarborough election.

Given under our hand this 2nd day of August, 2017, at Scarborough, Maine. Signed by a majority of Town Council members. Signed by the majority of the Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas

Item 4. Adjournment. Motion by Councilor St. Clair, seconded by Councilor Rowan, to move approval to adjourn the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk