

MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY2012 BUDGET

Item 1. Call to Order. Council Chair Roy called the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Ronald D. Ahlquist	Karen A. D’Andrea
Jessica L. Holbrook	Carol S. Rancourt
Richard J. Sullivan, Jr.	Michael J. Wood, Vice-Chair
Judith L. Roy, Council Chair	

Order No. 11-27, 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on the proposed Municipal/School Budget for FY2012. Council Chair Roy noted that there would be 5 minutes allowed for each person to speak. She then turned the meeting over to Thomas J. Hall, the Town Manager, who presented a power-point presentation on the proposed Municipal/School Budget for FY2012. The presentation gave an overview of the process that was followed by both the School Department Finance Committee and the Town Council Finance Committee.

Council Chair Roy opened the public hearing. The following individuals made comments:

- Kellie Altaffer of 7 Chestnut Drive spoke in favor of the School Budget as proposed by the School Board. She applauded the School Department for implementing a new math program for elementary school.
- Martin Tripp of 26 Oceanwood Drive spoke on the debt of both the town/school and noted that it could get higher if a new school is approved.
- Debra Fusch-Ertman of Fairway Drive spoke on the School Budget and supported the School Budget that was approved by the School Board. She also compared the loss of staff from the schools versus the loss of staff from the town – school has lost more. She further added that the mill-rate could be higher and the percent given to the school could also be higher – Scarborough spends the least on their students.
- Kerry Corthell of 1 Wedgewood Street spoke on the funding for outside agencies. She asked the Town Council to re-think the non-funding of Project Grace and Southern Maine Area on Aging.
- Mary Rollo, Executive Director of Project Grace, gave a brief overview on what the organization does. She noted that the program has spent over \$30,000 on fuel assistance for Scarborough residents. Please help continue the good and necessary efforts for the residents of the Town of Scarborough.

- Jack Anderson of 106 Winnocks Road and supports the comments made about the School Budget and Project Grace. He was there to speak on the proposed elimination of funding to the Scarborough Land Trust. He would be willing to pay a higher mill rate if needed. Unlike some of our counterparts in other communities which are part of the town the Scarborough Land Trust relies on funding from various contributors.
- Amy Volk of 4 Elbridge Oliver Way read an email she had received from greatschools.org, which referred to the Town of Falmouth and the high standing it ranks. This should have been Scarborough. She too noted the amount that is spent on the student. How do other communities allocate their funding to the schools?
- Ann O'Sullivan of 6 Steeple Chase Drive and a staff member at the Southern Maine Agency on Aging. She spoke in support of the funding to the organization.
- Jennifer Minkowitz of 2 Stonebrooke and a volunteer at the Southern Maine Agency on Aging. She too spoke in support of the funding to the organization.
- Deborah A. DiDominicus of 15 Hemlock Circle and the Deputy Director of Southern Maine Area on Aging and was thankful for past donations and spoke on the various programs that are offered. She hoped that the town would reconsider
- Colleen Staszko of Pleasant Hill Road and a member of the School Board spoke on the proposed School Budget. She noted that the percentage for funding for student is much lower than other communities.
- Helen Rundell of 38 Evergreen Farms Road and urged the Town Council to support the proposed School Budget as adopted by the School Board.
- Christine Kukka of Spruce Circle spoke in support of the proposed School Budget as adopted by the School Board. She asked the Town Council to please reconsider and vote in support of the budget as adopted by the School Board.
- Michelle Arpin of 9 Coulthard Farms Road spoke on adequately funding the School Department and asked the Town Council fund the proposed budget as recommended by the School Board.
- Adam Cohen of 3 Coulthard Farm Road and a student representative to the School Board spoke in support of the proposed school funding as recommended by the School Board.
- Abby Van Note of Broadturn Road and a student representative noted the she and Mr. Cohen went to all the schools to listen to what the students wanted. All they want is the basic supplies and the essential classes that prepare students for the future. She urged the Town Council to approve the proposed School
- Willis Leadley of 82 Two Rod Road spoke in support of the proposed School Budget as approved by the School Board and urged the Town Council to approve this budget. He noted that maybe the Town needs to look at what can be cut on its side and not always asking the School to do the cutting.
- Patrick O'Reilly of 677 US Route One spoke in support of the School Budget as approved by the Board of Education. The School Budget is very responsible and the proposed further cut is like a slap in the face. He then spoke in support of the Scarborough Land Trust and asked that the \$8,000 would be reconsidered. He then listed a few of the properties that the Land Trust helps maintains.
- Janet Yusim of 4 Hummingbird Lane urged the Town Council to support of the School Budget as proposed and also the funding to Project Grace.

- Colleen Quartararo of 14 Lillian Way spoke in support of the proposed School Budget as approved by the School Budget. She urged the Town Council to reconsider and approve the budget as recommended.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed at 8:36 p.m. Council Chair Roy noted that the second reading on the FY2012 Budget will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. and the School Budget Validation Referendum Election will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, here at Town Hall in Council Chambers.

Item 4. Adjournment. Motion by Councillor Rancourt, seconded by Councillor Holbrook, to move approval to adjourn the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk