

MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 28, 2010
SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

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

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.

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

Order No. 10-34, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing on the proposed Municipal/School Budget for FY2011. Prior to the public hearing, Council Roy – Finance Committee Chair thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Town Manager, the Town Department Heads as well as the Superintendent and the Board of Education. She then gave a brief overview on the Finance Committee deliberations and introduced the Town Manager, Mr. Hall, who gave a power-point presentation on the proposed Budget for FY 2011. Council Chair Rancourt opened the public hearing. The following individuals made comments:

- Debbie Dominicus of 15 Hemlock Circle and employed by Southern Maine Agency on Aging asked that the Council support the \$5,000 the Agency is requesting. She gave a brief overview as to what the Agency offers.
- Kate Dulac of 14 Cumberland Way and on behalf of Anne O’Sullivan of 6 Steeple Chase Drive [both employed with the Southern Maine Agency on Aging] spoke on the programs the Agency offers and asked that the Council to consider the Agency’s request of \$5,000 donation.
- Brian Dell’Olio of 28 Pine Point Road and Chair of the Board of Education and asked that the Council support the Boards Budget.
- Christine Kukka of 3 Spruce Circle spoke on the proposed School Budget and hopes that the Council does not cut the School Budget any further. She also hoped that the Council would reconsider the proposed no funding for outside agencies – there are many residents who utilize the various agencies who have requested funding.
- Neal Gregoire of 64 Burnham Road spoke on the proposed School Budget and felt that this budget could do damage to the programs that are currently offered. He would pay an increase in taxes if it means the schools would maintain current services.
- Helen Rundell of 38 Evergreen Farm Road felt that education is very important and is willing to pay more and hoped that the Council would consider adding back monies to the School Budget.
- David Green of 135 Beech Ridge Road did not agree with laptops being a CIP Project and felt that the Council should have line item veto. This is not the time to be liberal and he did not agree with a property tax increase.
- Bruce Bell of 13 West Beech Ridge Road stated that he had been before the Council and asked that there be no increase in taxes. He went on to state that had reviewed the proposed school budget and found areas where items could be cut without any employee losing their jobs.

- Scott Berube of 684 US Route One thanked the Council for being able to speak again and stated that he had worked in the school system and private sector and feels that we have forgotten the fundamentals. He would like to see the Council to stand strong – you can not keep coming back to the residents - not all of us can afford any further increase in taxes.
- Peggy Pennoyer Endrizzi of High Point Road spoke on the school budget and asked that the Council approve the School Budget as presented.
- Adam Saltz of 32 Wynmoor Drive spoke on health education and noted that the school needs more health teachers in the system.
- Cheryl Greenleaf of 31 Stanford Lane spoke on the School Budget and was very concerned about the cuts in the Schools. It would be great to see more detail to see where we stand and where do we want to be in that place of excellence for the future.
- Jackie Perry of 215 Black Point Road pointed out a few facts where remembers when the town did not have the number of public safety employees that we do today and the school administration has been reduced and that the town did have line item control at one time and the council and the voters did not want it; therefore it was changed in the Charter by a vote of the residents.
- Heather Carrier of 4 Liberty Bell Lane also spoke in support of the health programs.
- Scott Berube of 684 US Route One commented on statements made regarding a survey that had been conducted and challenged the Council to stand tall and firm on the budget.

There being no further comments, the hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

Item 4. Adjournment. Motion by Councillor Babine, seconded by Councillor D’Andrea, to move approval to adjourn the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 7 Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk