

# Accreditation Here Keyed To Academic Offerings

This is the third in a series of articles on what Portland and Deering High Schools must do to maintain state and regional accreditation.

By CHARLES C. SUTTON

Portland and Deering High Schools must add staff members and make improvements in curriculum for continued accreditation.

Unlike some of the accrediting teams of the past which

seemed more concerned with the color of the walls and the number of drinking fountains, the teams of educators which visited Portland's two high schools this year zeroed in on the academic offerings.

They found much to be commended, but they also found many shortcomings.

HERE ARE SOME of their recommendations concerning curriculum at the two schools.

English: PHS — The depart-

ment chairman be assigned only two classes; a full-time speech teacher be added; English classes be grouped near the library, and defective blackboards be replaced.

DHS — More staff; the addition of two or three courses in speech; improve the coordination with junior high English programs; re-establish three courses in remedial reading; add four half-year courses; add conference rooms; add moveable chair-desks; assign no

more than 100 pupils per teacher; reduce load of department head from four to three courses; make provision to transfer students in slow sections to more challenging courses and develop ways for more effective use of library.

MATHEMATICS: PHS — Students be more carefully grouped; establishment of a tie-in with a computer; better chalkboards; more visual aids; and the central office be involved in

establishing a clarification of budgetary cuts, delays and denials.

DHS — A room be provided for each teacher; one teacher be added; more aids; more frequent changes in textbooks; homogeneous grouping of three sections of Algebra I; a better distribution of faculty among courses to be taught; course syllabi be prepared by department; uniform department tests for grades 10 and 11; and de-

velopment of courses for business and vocational students.

Science: PHS — Renovation of chemistry and physics labs; add teacher aide; adopt newer chemistry course; selection of more satisfactory texts in general physics and general biology; science section of library be expanded; funds be provided for the purchase of perishable supplies; and more equipment.

DHS — Science classes be limited to number of lab work

stations available; lab facilities be improved; add staff so there is maximum of 24 students in each class; a department head be appointed; each lab be equipped with first aid kit, fire extinguisher, safety glasses; provisions be made for lab assistants; more equipment, texts, journals and reference materials; consider more curriculum innovations.

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# Scarborough Residents Voice Concern On Taxes

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
 SCARBOROUGH — Residents attending a public hearing last night on the proposed record 2.4 million town budget expressed concern over the large increases in property taxes over the past few years.

Finance committee chairman Norman Bushey said the town council and the finance committee realize the many problems facing the town and in studying the budget the finance committee has tried to reduce this year's tax increase to \$5.75 per thousand valuation instead

of \$9 as projected in the original budget.

Bushey said aside from recommending adjusting proposed pay increases of 10 to 14 per cent in all departments be reduced to seven per cent, his committee is also recommending holding the line on expenditures in several accounts the same as last year.

FOR INSTANCE, in the fire department capital improvement fund request of \$8,000 to replace fire alarm cable, the finance committee is recommending that this be cut \$4,000

and the same replacement program be followed as last year.

Under special articles, the finance committee has recommended reducing the request of \$5,000 to continue replacing curbing and sidewalk in town to \$4,000, same as last year. Also a cut of \$7,000 is recommended in the request of \$12,000 for underground storm drainage work from Westwood Avenue to Black Point Road. Bushey said, the committee feels a concave drain for the area would do the same job for half the cost.

Former selectman Wendell Whitten asked why an arrangement could not be worked out whereby property owners in the right-of-way could pay some of the cost of the project.

Town manager, Robert D. Steele, said this problem came about because of the construction of the new Oak Hill fire station. The bog area behind the station was filled in and it affected the whole water table for 50 homes in the area. The land is mostly ledge and there is no natural drain contour. Steele said, people in the area

met with selectmen several months ago and asked that this article be put in the budget.

MANY QUESTIONS were raised on the school budget. Supt. Carl A. Burnham said, there are no new programs this year. Two new high school teachers are being asked to handle the 60 additional pupils coming in next year. Also two special education teachers are requested for the Bessey School.

Burnham said teachers salaries are still being negotiated for this year. These salaries in

the budget were figured on last year's \$6,000 base salary. A \$15,000 salary adjustment figure is being carried in the budget.

Burnham said the Board of Education is agreeable to some of the \$65,000 cut recommended by the finance committee in the \$1,204,114 school budget, but the committee cannot agree to the full cut. He said after spending many hours reviewing the budget the board was unable to reach any final decisions on what they will do if the cut is made by the council next week.

THE FINANCE committee has recommended cutting the \$2,242,503 budget by \$125,118 reducing the request to \$2,117,385.

Estimated state and federal subsidies, surpluses, polls and excise tax receipts would reduce the finance committee's figure to a net appropriation of \$1,971,290.

If the town council April 1 follows the recommendations of the finance committee the tax rate would increase \$5.75, from \$45.50 to \$51.25, instead of \$9, to \$54.50.

# Scarborough Gets \$49.25 Tax Rate For This Year

By LORRAINE ALLEN

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council Wednesday set the 1970 tax rate at \$49.25 per thousand dollar valuation. This represents an increase of \$3.75 over last year's rate of \$45.50.

The net amount to be raised by taxation is \$1,942,559. Town Mgr. Robert D. Steele said the new town valuation is \$39,476,740, which is an increase of \$1,900,000. This increase almost doubles last year's gain of \$1,000,000.

The tax bills will be mailed to residents Monday and are payable by Nov. 15. After a second reading of the proposed new zoning ordinance, the council adopted the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board.

The section in the ordinance dealing with industrial districts was amended to include the following: to provide districts in the town for manufacturing, processing, treatment, research, warehousing, storage,

and distribution "where there is no danger of explosion or other hazard to health or safety."

The following special exception in industrial districts would be allowed, only after public hearings had been held, and upon approval of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

These exceptions would also include the use, manufacture, storage, or wholesale distribution of creosote, disinfectant, insecticides, poisons, cement, lime, gypsum, or plaster of paris, blast furnace, gasoline, petroleum, kerosene, paint, varnish, or shellac.

About 90 residents attended a public hearing on the proposed changes in the traffic ordinance.

The most controversial change is a proposed no parking restriction from June 1 to Sept. 15 for the entire length of Driftwood Lane and Avenue 1 extension from Front St. to the ocean.

Residents presented the council with petitions for and against the proposal.

## Talk Of The Towns . . .

# Clams: In Scarborough That's A Tender Subject

By MARGARET FRAZIER

Scarborough clams are delicious, delightful and delovely, to paraphrase an old song. But they are pretty much off the market because of pollution.

They aren't however, the only clams in Scarborough. A big percentage comes not from the local flats but from Down East — Waldoboro, Machias and Canada. And the local cannery "imports" its clams from New Jersey and has for some time. There aren't enough Scarborough clams to fill the demand.

Today, the only digging that can be done legally in Scarborough is for a commercial depuration plant.

Scarborough clams are known far and wide for their excellence, and more than one business has prospered on them. They're sold both in the shell and shucked for steamers, sandwiches and the big Scarborough specialty, fried clams.

They're considered a \$1 million resource. And they're so delicate that some people can't believe they're polluted.

"I never knew anyone to get sick on Scarborough clams," one old timer said recently, "unless it was because he ate too many."

Nevertheless, after some years of see-saw testing and bacteria counts, the state found the count so high it couldn't be ignored and closed the flats last month in accordance with standards set by the federal government.

It was considered a low blow, coming as it did at the beginning of the summer season. But it should have come as no surprise. The situation has been marginal for some time.

It doesn't look as though the flats would be re-opened soon. Dana Wallace, a research specialist for the Maine Sea & Shore Fisheries Department, is predicting they'll remain closed all summer — or until the town cleans up some of the pollution in its rivers — or all of its pollution.

Wallace said new bacteriological tests taken since the May 14 closing weren't encouraging. This was contrary to a local theory that the bacteria count was high this year because of a high spring runoff and would improve as the season progressed.

The Scarborough clam flats are quiet. Some of the diggers are lobstering. Many were digging clams only three or four hours a day anyway, as a sideline. The town is refunding the \$10 license fees of high school students who usually earn money as diggers on the flats in summer.

Scarborough diggers are among the best in the state. They're also about the best paid because of their regular outlets and good quality clams. Something like \$10 a bushel is considered to be "realistic" for their pay.

If there is resentment about the closing order, which some of the diggers say is "unfair," there also is resentment because the diggers employed by the depuration plant operator are still working. Sea & Shore Fisheries has been accused of trying to force everyone into depuration plants.

But Wallace says no. Depuration, he explains, is a "stop gap" measure. "We don't want to use it as a crutch and rely on it altogether. We want people to clean up . . ." Moreover, he points out that the investment in depuration equipment is costly and there would be no opportunity if there were too great a number in the business.

Four state departments stand ready to help Scarborough clean up — Sea & Shore Fisheries, Health and Welfare, the Environmental Improvement Commission and the attorney general's office.

Burgeoning development is held responsible for the increase in pollution, together with poor soil absorption from an over abundance of clay soil.

Scarborough has made an auspicious start on sewers and sewage treatment and has plans for more sewers that are

held up by lack of the necessary money. A meeting with the state departments to discuss the possible action will be held soon.

The lone Scarborough depuration plant, according to Wallace, is the most effective operation of its kind in the state and a "model" of efficiency. It frequently serves as a model and is visited by shellfish interests from inside and out of the country. The most recent visitors were from Canada.

The principle is that the clams cleanse themselves in sea water that is sterilized by ultra violet ray. The plant was put in as a private enterprise three years ago by Robert Giggins at Pine Point. By using this safeguard, the diggers can take clams from moderately polluted areas.

The plant is state regulated and frequently monitored. The output depends on business and runs heaviest in summer. Many of the clams are sold to dealers and go out of state.

Another depurator is being considered by a different Pine Point resident but is only in the planning stage.

The extra cost of this processing can push prices up but at Scarborough they've remained competitive — \$4 a peck on steamers and \$1.59 a pint for the shucked clams. Steamers are reported to be more costly farther south.

There has been no indication that closing the Scarborough flats has closed down business. Clams are still selling. The fried clam stands are booming each weekend. At least one proprietor had been apprehensive about this because of the adverse publicity.

The closing is making a big difference at Braley's Seafood Market at 795 Broadway, South Portland. Douglas Goodrich, the owner, has been buying roughly 6,000 bushels, or from \$50,000 to \$55,000 worth, of clams annually from Scarborough diggers.

"They were good clams — beautiful clams," Goodrich says with concern. "This has really hurt. It has practically

ruined my clam business. I built my business on Pine Point clams."

Goodrich lives in Scarborough and is a former digger himself.

He considers that Sea & Shore Fisheries has "bent over backward" to help the Scarborough clammers. But he also wonders if the federal government's standards are too high. "If the clams were dug in Back Bay (Portland) it would be another situation," he said. He can see little health hazard if the clams are cooked.

One of his best clam customers had no worries, either. On the day the state closed the flats she called for Pine Point clams. He asked her: "You mean those polluted clams?" And she replied, "If I was going to die from them it would have been before now."

One point of interest is the \$1 million "resource" value put by the state on the Scarborough clam production. This doesn't mean \$1 million in revenue for Scarborough. It is the value of the product to the economy of the state.

The value of the clams increases as they pass from the diggers through the producers and processing until they ultimately are sold in the retail trade. The resource total reflects the increase according to different product use.

One example would be the clams that are sold steamed in a restaurant. Say there are 20 clams in an order. There are roughly 1,850 clams in a bushel and a bushel provides 92.5 orders.

If the consumer pays \$1.50 for each order, the retail value of a bushel of clams becomes \$138.75. Thus, if the digger gets \$10 a bushel, the increase is 13 fold.

The Maine shellfish computations, Wallace explains, are conservative when compared to those used in Boston.

The annual value in recent years to Scarborough diggers and producers is estimated at around \$200,000 but this is conservative, too.

# Scarborough Moves Toward Compromise

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SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council last night moved toward a compromise position in its clash with the Environmental Improvement Commission over Scarborough's plumbing code.

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The council voted unanimously to file a statement with the EIC asking for entry of a consent order staying the Dec. 20 public hearing the commission had sought on alleged violations against the town of the state plumbing code.

Last Friday, the EIC issued an unjunction charging that the town permitted the installation and use of septic tanks and leaching fields in soils unsui-

table for such installation, resulting in the discharge of waste effluent into the waters and watercourses of the state.

The town was given 10 days to request a public hearing on the matter before a formal order was issued calling for the construction of a treatment plant and sewer system.

TOWN ATTORNEY Paul Frenco said, upon receipt of the consent order the EIC will disperse with the Dec. 20 public hearing.

Frenco explained the purpose of the consent procedure is to allow state and local representatives to negotiate a work-

ing agreement. The officials will now have an opportunity to sit down with all information available on the matter and discuss different points of view, thus attempting to work out a compromise solution to the problem.

Frenco said once the proposed agreement is submitted to the EIC for its review there are three possible alternatives the commission can take. It can accept the agreement and issue an order confirming it or reject it entirely. If the compromise is rejected the commission will then issue an order within 15 days calling for a public hearing on the alleged violations.

Finally if the EIC feels all parties have attempted to work out a satisfactory solution to the problem then it can afford the town a reasonable opportunity to gather all technical information needed.

UNDER THE PENDING order, the town would be required to construct a \$10 million sewage treatment plant and system by December of 1974, two years ahead of the state's clean-up schedule.

The town would also have to submit preliminary plans and engineering estimates on the project to the EIC. by Jan. 1,

1972; documented arrangements and administration and financial estimates by April 1, 1972; and detailed engineering and final plans formulations by Feb. 1, 1973. The construction of the facility would have to commence on or before June 1, 1973.

All these dates the commission has set forth in the order will be negotiable by the submission of the consent order, Frenco said.

MOST OF THE 100 people attending last night's meeting agreed that the council took the best course of action on the order from the commission.

However, one citizen said he felt town officials should call the public hearing on the matter so that the town could have an opportunity to defend itself against the state's allocations. He said, "we should attack it head on — pay the price if we are guilty or retain our integrity if we aren't.

Frenco said there is only one problem with that method — "The town has no access to state or federal information gathered when the commission and federal governments tested our coastal waters early in the summer. "The town has asked for but has been unable to obtain this information."



**ART LOVER** — Angela Blaszczyk and Durward Dean, members of John Crocker's sixth grade class at Plum-

mer School, admire some drawings and Pariscraft sculptures created by their classmates. (Staff Photo)

## Art Program Stresses 'Individual Creativity'

By DOROTHY E. JENKINS  
Correspondent

FALMOUTH — Elementary pupils here are both enjoying and benefiting from a new art program introduced into the school system this year.

Based on a belief in "individual creativity", Mrs. Helen Danforth, elementary art supervisor, explained that in the program each child is considered unique and special and all his work is personal.

Through the creative art program, she adds, each child is helped to discover his own special expressiveness and potential; the pupil's awareness and ability to communicate is expanded.

A wide range of experiences in many different media is offered, such as India ink, all kinds of paper, clay, paint, water colors, tempera, transparencies, three-D construction of all kinds, etchings, tie dying, string painting and others.

Parents are invited to visit the Motz and Plummer schools where there is always a display of art work, Mrs. Danforth said.

At present, fourth graders are painting Christmas scenes on the windows of the art room at the Motz School.

Displays running until Christmas include

string paintings, where string is dipped in paint, folded inside paper and then pulled out. The pupil looks at the result to see what it suggests to him and then adds to it what he imagines it to be.

Another display is created first with crayon, then finger paint over it for very effective design-on-design work; potato prints by fourth graders are created by cutting a potato into different shapes, dipped in paint and then pressed on art paper.

At the Plummer School, the Artist Rouault's influence is evidenced by fifth graders with their crayon drawings outlined in black magic marker for a stain glass window effect.

Art is personal yet it allows for the development of understanding and appreciation of the world around us, Mrs. Danforth explained.

She said the resulting work in this program of "individual creativity" is based on the child's experiences, feelings, attitude, material used and thinking.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades have art classes once a week but as Mrs. Danforth has to travel to four other schools to cover the first, second and third grades, these classes receive a lesson just every other week.

## Golf Course Plan Temporarily Abandoned

# Council OK's School Site For Recreation Facility

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council this week approved Recreational Advisory Committee use of the Old Blue Point School land on Pine Point Road for recreational purposes.

Mrs. Nancy Herrick, chairman of the recreation committee, told the Council her committee had voted to temporarily abandon its original plan to de-

velop a recreation facility at the Blue Point Recreation Area. She said the committee favors using town owned land rather than the Blue Point area because of the additional costs needed to satisfy requirements of the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

In October the recreation committee submitted and received council approval of its proposal for the Blue Point Recreation area.

The committee had also worked out an agreement with L. R. Higgins Inc., a local general contractor, to do the ground work and construct two outdoor tennis courts and basketball courts for a cost of \$8,500.

However, any proposed recreation facility for the Blue Point area had to be approved by the State Department of Parks and Recreation, which purchased the former golf course about a

year ago. At that time an agreement was worked out for the State Department of Fisheries and Game to use the area near the marshes as a goose pasture while the town could develop a recreation area near Pine Point Road.

Last month, Parks and Recreation informed the council and recreation committee that the proposed recreation facility was unsuitable and recommended that the town engage a

landscape architect to prepare a master plan for year around use of the property and to have a property survey done.

Cost figures obtained by the council for the master plan and survey from five engineering firms ranged in cost from \$600 for the plan only to as much as \$6,800.

The council by a five to one vote awarded L. R. Higgins the contract to provide the facility

at the Old Blue Point School at a cost of \$8,500.

Concilor Robert D. Platt opposed awarding the contract to Higgins, claiming it was a conflict of interest because Higgins was elected to a seat on the council during municipal elections on Monday.

Platt felt the council should put the contract out to bid.

Higgins said the agreement to provide the facility for \$8,500

was worked out with the Recreation Committee in September — ong before he decided to run for the Council.

Several citizens agreed the contract should be awarded to Higgins because if it were put to bid it would cost the town a lot more money.

The Blue Point School recreation facilities will include the two outdoor basketball and tennis courts plus a mini-park.

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# Seaweed Mass Clutters Beach At Scarborough

SCARBOROUGH — Pine Point summer residents are appealing to the town to dispose of a nasty sea mixture which has been befouling the beach most of the summer.

Town officials are appealing to Nature.

"What the tide brings in, the tide will take out. You can't rake the water, says the town.

You can rake the beach of the mess the tide leaves and make it possible for people to enjoy the beach, reply residents.

Everyone is agreed that the seaweed invasion is the heaviest in years and that the mess is hanging around for the longest time in years. "It's a nuisance," one man said.

"The water is pretty dirty," a public works employe acknowledged. But he added that "once the seaweed is washed out" the water would clean up. About three fourths of the Pine Point beach is in pretty good shape, he reported.

## Scarborough Appeals Panel Meets Tonight

SCARBOROUGH — The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p. m. today at town hall to hear three requests for variances in the zoning ordinance.

David W. Burns, owner of property at 142 Gorham Road seeks a permit to establish a 24 foot front setback that would require a 16 foot variance.

The variance is need to enable Burns to construct a porch to enable Mrs. Burns, an invalid, access to the only available exit for her wheelchair.

The permit was denied previously by building inspector, Paul J. Lempicki because Resident-4 zones require 40 foot front setbacks.

Mrs. Mary MacMinn of Cliff Street, Higgins Beach, is seeking a permit to allow her to add a six by six foot addition to an existing entrance way with a six foot rear setback. Resident-10 zones require 15 foot rear setbacks.

Charles R. Andrews, Pine-wood Circle, seeks a permit to establish a 30 foot front setback. Resident-2 zones require 40 foot front setbacks.

PUBLIC WORKS Director Elwood Mitchell called the covering over the water "chopped up seaweed." He said the water is "black with it" and there isn't a great deal that can be done. It just comes in and goes out" with the tides every year, he explained, adding that it is "one of Mother Nature's tricks."

But James B. Costello of Lewiston mirrors the unhappiness of many summer residents that the town isn't keeping the beach clean. He also says the floating mass on the water looks to him like a fibrous material that comes from the marshes. He said he has found the same kind of thing in the marshes. The only time it hasn't been on the beach near his home this summer, he noted, was when a strong off-shore wind took it out to sea.

Costello said appeals made to the town office for a clean up detail had been unsuccessful.

SCARBOROUGH DOES clean its beaches, the town office said. It doesn't have the expensive equipment to keep them as spotless as adjacent Old Orchard Beach. And it was speculated that some of the residents might be comparing their beaches with Old Orchard.

It is generally agreed that the water currents keep the seaweed concentration the heaviest in the east end of the beach. Residents said it has been deposited on the beaches in other areas but has washed out with the succeeding high tides.

# Sewer Appeals Top Council Agenda

By LORRAINE ALLEN

Correspondent 4/72

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at town hall to act on

four appeals from homeowners seeking variances to the private sewage disposal systems ordinance enacted last month.

The appeals are being sought by Donald Peterson, Colonial Drive; Herbert A. Shaw, Ocean View Road; Phillip Shaw, Second Street and James Oliver, Burnham Road.

Three of the four residents

have malfunctioning leaching fields that must be replaced by installing the raised or mound leaching bed as called for in the new private sewage disposal ordinance. In the case of James Oliver, a new lot is involved.

State law provides that municipal offices may sit as an appeals board to hear aggrieved parties.

DONALD K. POWERS, chairman of the Threshold to Maine Resource, Conservation and Development Project, will present a study recently completed on open space inventory and evaluation for several parcels of land in Scarborough.

The study was requested by town manager Robert D. Steele on behalf of the Planning Board and Recreation Committee. Its purpose was to determine the best possible use of these lands for the future.

A PUBLIC HEARING on eight application for permits to operate and maintain junk yards here will be held.

Applications have been received from Edward K. Meserve Jr., Black Point Road; Waldron's Garage, Route 1; Alfred K. Dolloff, Route 1; Merrill and Daniel Colpritt, Payne and Holmes Roads; Jacob Goldstein, Running Hill Road; A. Gagnon and Sons, Rigby Road, Charles F. Dickinson, Holmes Road and M. Silver and Sons, Inc., Running Hill Road.

At 4 p.m. today the council will hold an on-site inspection of the junk yards.

A request from Black Point area fisherman to dredge the boat channel at Ferry Beach will be discussed.

OTHER ITEMS appearing on tonight's agenda are:

— An application for renewal of the Crystal Springs Trailer Park license.

— A petition from the Pleasant Hills Association requesting speed limits and traffic signs in the housing development.

— Requests from volunteer firemen asking for permission to install red lights on their private vehicles.

— Hiring of a dog control officer.

— Bond applications from Chick's Store, Pleasant Hill Road; Higgbee Restaurant; William A. Hillock, North Scarborough, K-Mart, Route 1; and Atlantic House, Scarborough Beach.

# Council Consider EIC Code Charges

By LORRAINE ALLEN

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the town hall to act on the Environmental Improvement Commission's injunction against the town on alleged violation of the State Plumbing Code. 6/72

The EIC order charges that the town permitted the installation and use of septic tanks and leaching fields in soils unsuitable for such installation resulting in the discharge of waste effluent into the waters and watercourses of the state.

The council has 10 days to request a public hearing on the matter before the formal order is issued calling for construction of a treatment plant and sewer system.

A WETLANDS public hearing on the application of the Department of Fish and Game to alter the salt marshes at the Libby Road goose pasture will also be held.

The department seeks to alter the wetlands to provide open water adjacent to the Libby Road goose pasture for a duck and geese feeding and nesting area.

Town manager Robert D. Steele said the council won't act on the zoning requests of Ocean View Harbor Homes Inv., Nedra Real Estate Corp., and Mrs. Geraldine D. Sprague as previously planned because the Planning Board hasn't made recommendations on the requests.

Last week the Planning Board tabled a recommendation on the requests until it could meet with a professional planner to review the town comprehensive zoning ordinance.

DANIEL THOMAS and Robert Spickler, developers of Ocean View Harbor Homes Inc., off the Black Point Road, are seeking a zone change from Resident-2 to Resident-4 so that they can present a new plan for their development.

Nedra Real Estate Corp., Scarborough, wants to extend a Resident-2 zone an additional 500 feet down the Gorham Road and to a depth of 500 feet easterly.

Gavin A. Recotolo, president, said the corporation plans to construct a mini-shopping center on the site.

Mrs. Geraldine D. Sprague, Black Point Road, petitioned the board last month to start working on re-zoning the town to require larger house lots than now called for in the zoning ordinance.

STEELE SAID the referendum petitions received on Nov. 3 requesting building permit limitations of 150 dwellings per year and several proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance won't be acted upon by the council as planned because the town clerk hasn't completed verifying the signatures.

Members of the Permanent School Building Committee will outline the extensive renovations they propose to update the Bessy School located on Route 1.

# Sewerage License Hearing Continued Until March 24

SCARBOROUGH — Town Manager Robert D. Steele reports that a public hearing by the Environmental Improvement Commission on this town's application for a new state license to operate its sewage treatment facility has been continued for a second time.

It will be resumed at 2 p.m. March 24, at the Holiday Inn in Augusta.

The hearing was opened here Feb. 15 and continued in Augusta Friday.

AT THE FIRST session, it was brought out that the waste being discharged into the town system by the Humpty Dumpty potato chip plant on Route 1 is exceeding the firm's allowable volume and overloading the municipal plant.

Mrs. Jean Childs, acting chairman for the EIC, ruled at that time that information from Humpty Dumpty Co. regarding its plans for improving the situation must be submitted four days prior to the Friday hearing continuation.

Steele said, however, he received the report from the company two hours before the Friday hearing was to open. He said the town's engineers and sewer district trustees had no time to study it prior to the hearing.

HE SAID the report wasn't ready earlier because certain tests taken by the company's engineers required five days and the data wasn't available.

Steele said it came out Friday that the potato chip firm is requesting a substantial increase in its allowable capacity limits.

He also said William Hammond, developer of Olde Mil-

lbrooke Homes in Scarborough, spoke on behalf of the local developers at the hearing and argued that a portion of the treatment facility was designed for residential waste as well as industrial waste.

PRESENTLY NO applications for tying into the town's municipal sewer are being accepted due to the overload situation, which is not in quantity but in starches from the potato processing operation.

Steele said the EIC left the responsibility for allocating the use of the treatment plant between residential and industrial waste up to the trustees of the local sewer district. The EIC won't set a load limit on the Humpty Dumpty Potato Chip Co., he said, but will set a capacity load limit on the treatment plant.

Before the next continuation of the hearing, the town must work out an industrial waste agreement with the potato chip plant.

The Scarborough Sanitary District trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the Town Hall to evaluate information received prior to the continuation of the hearing.

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# Budget Decision Expected By Local Council Tonight

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council will act on the proposed budget for 1972 at tonight's meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. 3/15/72

The proposed budget is \$2,460,876 after deductions available revenue of \$758,624.

The Town Council's finance committee is recommending reductions of \$118,209 in the municipal budget. It would leave the school budget intact.

Should the Council follow the recommendations the net appropriation to be raised by taxation would be reduced to \$2,342,666.

THE ESTIMATED 1972 town valuation is \$107,465,135. The town is presently undergoing a tax equalization program whereby all properties would be brought up to current market value.

The finance committee's proposed adjustments in the municipal budget include these items:

Salary contingency account, \$8,966, cut by \$7,613. The committee recommends that the remaining \$1,353 be used in the police budget to bring the salaries of the patrolmen up to what is being paid in surrounding towns.

Town Manager Robert D. Steele says approval of the proposed contingency account is subject to review by the Federal Pay Board. Each department received an overall 5.5 per cent salary increase and this will be given by the department heads on a merit basis.

THE COMMITTEE deleted \$16,098 from the municipal budget because the department will be reimbursed for this amount from the school department towards payment of Social Security and Maine State Retirement accounts.

A special appropriation request calling for \$33,500 to be spent to install a street drainage system at Westwood Avenue and Heald Street at Oak Hill has also been deleted. The committee recommends that this project be done when the sewers are installed at Oak Hill in about two years.

The committee is also recommending that the \$87,102 request to update the Bessey School be reduced to \$17,102 this year, and that the remaining \$60,000 be financed at \$15,000 a year over a four-year period.

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# Special Election On Zone Changes Set For Monday

By LORRAINE ALLEN

SCARBOROUGH — A special election will be held here Monday on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would increase residential lot sizes and control residential density.

The election call is a consequence of a petition received by the Town Council on Nov. 2.

The question on Monday's ballot will ask voters to decide whether to amend four sections of the zoning ordinance that deal with residential zones.

One part of the amendment would create a zone in which only dwelling units would be allowed per net residential acre. Under this, R-2 zones would be changed to R-1 zones.

R-4 zones would be changed to R-2 zones to provide residential areas in town of low-medium density allowing one dwelling unit per acre in unsewered areas or two dwelling units per acre lot in sewerred areas.

R-10S (seasonal) would be amended to read residential district R-4S to provide residential areas in locations which are influenced by tourism and ocean front access in such a manner as to promote conservation and a wholesome living environment.

Under the proposed R-4S zones, four dwelling units per acre lot in sewerred areas and two dwelling units per acre lot in unsewerred areas.

## Size And Cost Of Raised System Cited

# Scarborough's New Sewage Law Has Major Drawbacks

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — Problems with sewers, public and private, and how to cope with the situation while keeping pace with rapid growth has been a real headache for both town officials and residents here over the past few years.

Now a new private sewage disposal ordinance, which includes a section on raised or so called mound leaching systems, could conceivably cause an even bigger headache.

The ordinance was enacted by the Town Council as an emergency measure after a four-hour public hearing last week. The Council vote was 5-2.

The emergency status of the ordinance made it effective immediately, a step that was taken because a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of permits for construction of underground private sewage disposal systems was about to expire.

The moratorium went into effect Nov. 29 and expired Wednesday.

A number of factors contributed to the enactment of such a strict code, including poor soil conditions throughout the town, the lack of municipal sewers and, most importantly, discrepancies in the interpretations of the State Plumbing Code.

A year ago the Environmental Protection Agency issued a Consent Order against the town alleging violations of the State Plumbing Code.

Town Manager Robert D. Steele worked on the draft of the New Hampshire State about two years. The portion of the code outlining raised leaching systems was patterned after the New Hampshire State Plumbing Code where they are used.

During this time, Steele talked with officials of the Department of Health & Welfare, and the Department of Agriculture, a soil scientist, federal and state people, developers and laymen, and none, he said, had a better solution than the raised system.

It was pointed out at the hearing that although the raised system isn't the sole answer to the pollution problem it is better than what the town formerly had in that it is a completely controllable system because filled and is used.

It was also brought out that Scarborough isn't unique with its sewage problem, all Maine's towns and cities are faced with the same situation with no immediate solution in sight except short of building municipal sewers.

But however necessary the

new code may be its enactment undoubtedly is going to cause hardships among residents with older homes, prospective new homeowners and developers.

People here are just beginning to understand what the raised system is all about — what it involves in terms of cost and size compared to the standard leaching system.

The raised system, as spelled out by the new ordinance, must be used in place of underground leaching systems in soils where the ground water table or impervious strata is less than four feet below the ground.

The system is constructed on top of the ground by removing the top soil and back filling the area to be used with new loam to a height of five feet.

The overall size of the raised mound is determined by the length of distribution pipe required by ordinance in accordance

with the percolation tests and number of bedrooms in the home. This pipe is installed at the bottom of the trench located in the center of the mound.

For instance, if a soil tested has a 15 minute percolation rate and 190 feet of distribution pipe is called for, then the 190 can be divided by 2, 3, or 4 to determine the length of pipes to be used on the lot.

So if four 48-foot lengths of pipe were used they would have to be placed in the center of the trench five feet apart and not less than two and one-half feet from the trench bed side walls.

The fill area must extend at least 15 feet beyond the outer edge of the center trench of the system. Five feet of clay type fill is then compacted against all sides to prevent lateral seepage of the effluent and then the outer edges have to be graded to a three to one slope.

The raised area therefore could be 94 feet long and 66 feet wide, totals arrived at simply by adding the dimensions of the center trench, fill area, clay and side slope plus the length of the pipe called for.

The cost of installing a raised system has been estimated at between \$2,400 and \$3,000, depending on the amount of fill and labor. This estimate includes the septic tank and an automatic pump which are installed underground in accordance with the State Plumbing Code. The pump is used to pump the effluent from the septic tank into the raised field. The new code also calls for all septic tanks to be a 1,000 gallon minimum capacity.

Before this system can be used it must be determined that there is at least 18 inches of good earth or the lot would be considered unsuitable for building.

Documentation of the soils suitability and percolation tests must be performed by a professional soils scientist, geologist, or soils engineer whose qualifications are satisfactory to the Building Inspector and Town Manager. The test results must be certified in writing to the Building Inspector.

In accordance with the new code, soils shall also be deemed unsuitable for building if the percolation test rate is less than three or more than 30 minutes.

Dennis Winslow, a local contractor whose business it is to install septic tanks and leaching systems, feels that the new code is a good thing for the person building a new home. But a developer, Terry Brown of Brown Homes Inc., Pleasant Hills, said the new ordinance using raised leaching systems "shoots them right out of the ball park" as lots in the company's development average about 15,600

square ft. Brown's project was approved by the Planning Board about five years ago.

State law now requires lots to be 20,000 square feet if they aren't serviced by municipal sewers.

Brown said the firm has 10 building permits left and when these homes are finished, no more will be built.

Homeowners whose existing leaching fields malfunction and become saturated must also replace the systems with the raised system should the soils tests warrant it. If the lot is too small, then the system must conform with the provisions of the state Plumbing Code while using the raised system as near as possible. The building inspector will have final say as to how this will be accomplished.

New and more stringent standards for the installation of ab-

sorption fields or underground leaching systems are also outlined in the new ordinance. Under the ordinance this type of system can only be used in areas where there is at least four feet of good earth between the bottom of the proposed trench and the ground water table.

The State Plumbing Code calls for only two feet of earth between the bottom of the trench and the ground water table.

Before construction can begin on any building to be serviced by a private sewer, permits for the system must be obtained from the Building Inspector.

Contractors whose final plans were approved by the Planning Board with the stipulation that the proposed development be serviced by municipal sewers cannot now use the new raised system without first resubmitting a new plan to the board.

# Steele Readies <sup>2/73</sup> Sewage Proposal

SCARBOROUGH — Town Manager Robert D. Steele will propose an ordinance to regulate installation of private underground sewage disposal systems to the town council tomorrow night, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Steele has been working on the new ordinance for the past two months. Prior to this, the council enacted a 90-day moratorium banning the issuance of permits for the installation of all underground sewage disposal systems. The moratorium became effective Nov. 30 and runs to Feb. 28.

The manager will also present the 1973-74 municipal budget. This includes the school budget approved by the Board of Education two weeks ago.

Other agenda items include orders calling for the author-

ization and appropriation of funds to construct a proposed 500-pupil addition to the junior high school and to authorize the transfer of \$8,522 from unappropriated surplus to the police department. The proposed junior high school addition is estimated to cost \$1,540,000.

Several requests from volunteer firemen for permits to install flashing red lights on the grills of their private cars will be considered in line with a new policy whereby each individual application for lights must have council sanction.

The council will hear a communication from the State Department of Environmental Protection dealing with a petition several months ago from Scarborough residents who want the state to upgrade the classification of the town's waterways.

# Proposed Budget Seeks Tax Hike

By LORRAINE ALLEN

2/73 Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — Town Manager Robert D. Steele submitted a preliminary 1973 gross budget of \$3,529,252 to the town council last night. It runs \$426,262 over 1972.

This figure will be reduced by anticipated revenue of \$931,657, leaving a net request to be

raised by taxation of \$2,597,695. It covers both municipal services and schools.

The proposed budget represents a possible increase in the tax rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 valuation. The present rate is \$24.60 per \$1,000, on full value. If the proposed budget is approved intact, it would set the new tax rate at \$27.10.

The budget was referred to the finance committee for study. Committee members are Oscar F. Teravainen, Linwood M. Higgins and Leon S. Libby Jr.

The council voted to follow the recommendations of the finance committee and approve an appropriation of \$1,456,476 to construct and equip a 500-pupil addition to the junior high school.

The permanent school building committee had sought an appropriation of \$1,540,764 in accordance with the plans of architect Robert Armitage of Portland for the new facility.

The council approved the concept of the building earlier but the finance committee felt the construction could be achieved for less money.

It was emphasized that Scarborough's isn't looking for luxury but wants a functional building. The council took the position that the \$29.62 per square foot estimate by the architect was a little high and felt the new school addition could be constructed for \$23 a square foot just as well. The building will contain 52,000 square feet of space.

Supt. Carl A. Burnham reminded the council that the architect's estimate doesn't mean that the bids will come in at the higher figure. They could come in lower, he said, and it would result in a saving.

The council took under consideration a proposal for a new plumbing code for the town and set Feb. 21 as the date for a public hearing on it.

The ordinance is designed to regulate and restrict the construction and installation of sewage systems and prevent health hazards and pollution and nuisance situations. Scarborough is currently in the midst of a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of permits for

private underground sewage systems.

The council approved 15 applications for flashing red lights on the grill work of private cars owned by volunteer fireman. The men will install the lights at their own cost.

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# *Disposal Plan Heads Agenda At Scarborough*

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
 Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH— The Town Council will face a full agenda when it meets at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at town hall.

Items include public hearings on a pair of proposed ordinance amendments and reports on two proposals of the Greater Portland Council of Governments.

One hearing is on several proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance dealing with Route 1 zoning, and the other is on a proposed private sewage disposal ordinance recently drafted by Town Manager Robert D. Steele.

Last month the Planning Board recommended that the council adopt the three new Route 1 business zones as rewritten, namely Business — 1, Business — 2 and the new proposed B-Highway Commercial zone.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendments several weeks ago. The proposal is aimed at tightening up the business zones along the highway.

Two weeks ago, Steele presented a tentative draft of the proposed private sewage disposal ordinance to the council for its review and consideration.

The purpose of the new ordinance is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the town by regulating and restricting the construction installation and use of sewage disposal systems in such a manner so as to not create pollution, a health hazard or nuisance conditions.

A 90-day moratorium on the

issuance of permits for the installation of underground sewage disposal systems is currently in effect and will be until Feb. 28. The moratorium was enacted by the Council on Nov. 29.

William Rogers, executive director of COG, will present two proposals — one deals with a regional dog control ordinance and the other concerns the solid waste program.

For some months now area towns have been cooperating with COG in a effort to formulate proposals to handle regionally the ever increasing problems of dog control and solid waste disposal on a regional basis.

The council will also set a date for a public hearing on application for permits to run junk yards in town.

# Council Approves New Sewage Disposal Law

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — Following a three-hour public hearing, the town council last night enacted an amended form of a controversial private sewage disposal ordinance and a redraft of the zoning ordinance as it regulates business zones in the town.

The council waived the rules of procedure to enact the sewer ordinance as an emergency measure by a 5 to 2 vote. Councilors voting against the ordinance were Chairman Thomas E. Gagnon and Leon S. Libby Jr.

The emergency status of the new ordinance makes it effective immediately. This action was taken to get under the wire on the expiration of a 90-day moratorium banning the issuance of permits for the construction of underground private sewage systems. The moratorium went into effect Nov. 29 and has literally stopped building in the town.

Without the emergency provision, a 30-day waiting period is required before a new ordinance becomes effective. It was thought the plumbing inspector otherwise would have been besieged with requests for permits.

The emergency preamble read in part: "Since the town is currently experiencing rapid development and much of its development utilizes or proposes to utilize private underground disposal systems and without appropriate regulations and standards governing their installation, in the judgment of the council a serious threat to the public health and welfare of the town is posed. Also, in the

judgment of the council, the positions of the Maine State Plumbing Code are uncertain and thus inadequate to meet the threat, the foregoing constitutes an emergency . . ."

A year ago the Maine Department of Environmental Protection filed a consent order against the town alleging violations of the state plumbing code because septic tanks were being allowed in unsuitable soils. The new local plumbing code is more restrictive than the state code.

The section of the new ordinance which allows for the installation of raised or a mound-type leaching field was criticized by many of the 75 residents at the hearing. They felt that since this type of system is new to Maine and the area, a demonstration system should be constructed and monitored for a brief period to see how it would

work before a final decision is made.

Asked if there is data available to back up the efficiency of the raised system, Town Manager Robert D. Steele said no. He said this type of system is used in New Hampshire and parts of Massachusetts. He obtained his information about it from the New Hampshire plumbing code.

Basically, a raised leaching system is constructed on top of the ground in areas where the ground water table is less than four feet below the surface. This is accomplished by removing the top soil and back filling the area with new loam to a height of about four feet.

This fill area is extended 10 feet beyond the outer edge of the system and a five-foot clay type fill is compacted completely around the area to prevent lateral seepage. This has

to be the same height as the fill area. The pipes to disburse the effluent are then installed in the raised field.

Steele was quick to point out that the raised system "is not intended to be the sole answer to our problem. But it is better than what we have to work with now. It is merely a stop gap measure until we can provide sewers in the high density areas."

He said he had talked with soil experts, federal and state engineers; developers and laymen and none had a better solution than the raised system.

The new code allows for mechanical type systems, which are being used elsewhere in some places. It also provides for the standard type of leaching field provided there is at least four feet of good earth between the bottom of the proposed trench and the seasonal

ground high water table. The state plumbing code calls for only two feet of earth in this case.

THE COUNCIL voted unanimously to pass an amendment to the zoning ordinance governing Business 1 and Business 2 zones that exclude gasoline service stations. The council delayed action on a proposed new highway business zone that would apply primarily to Route 1 and would make provision for service stations as a special exception.

However, so that gas stations wouldn't be excluded entirely, the council voted last night to put them back in the B-2 zone as a special exception subject to zoning board approval.

Council sentiment was that a new draft of the zoning map should be completed before a fi-

nal decision on the new highway zone is made. Residents at the hearing concurred because, they said, the new district will have a strong bearing on the town and the boundaries should be known before it is established.

IN OTHER MATTERS, the council was brought up to date by William O. Rogers, executive director of the Greater Portland Council of Governments, on the proposed regional dog control ordinance and solid waste program.

It was voted to seek approval of state and federal agencies for building a new municipal pier and float at Pine Point. The town manager was also authorized to prepare bids on the project.

April 4 was set for a public hearing on junkyard applications.

# Town of Scarborough

## Public Budget Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 1973 Municipal and School Budgets at Scarborough Junior High School Gymnasium on Monday, March 19th, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. and to allocate the following Revenue Sharing Funds:

### FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Received to date	\$ 99,532.00
Accumulated Interest (2/15/73)	628.17
Anticipated During 1973	74,049.00

\$174,809.17

### APPROPRIATE TO SPECIFIC ITEMS IN 1973 BUDGET

Pine Point Pier & Float	\$ 25,000.00
Accounting Machine	4,861.00
First Payment, Engine 3	9,500.00
Modification Oak Hill Traffic Signal	10,000.00
Modification Sawyer Road	500.00
New Maps	2,500.00
Street & Lot Lines on Photos	2,500.00
Capital Improvement (Fire Dept.)	3,500.00
Communication Equipment (C.D.)	1,500.00
Emergency Generator (Fire Dept.)	5,000.00
Special Projects (Public Works)	6,000.00
New Equipment (Public Works)	38,500.00
Nursing Contract	13,000.00
South Portland Family Services	500.00
Recreation Budget	3,500.00
Office Equipment	
Assessor	500.00
Code Enf.	500.00
Town Office	1,048.50

2,048.50

Library Budget	6,231.00
Asphalt & Patch (Public Works)	38,162.97

\$174,809.17

Budget information is available at the Town Office.

**Thomas E. Gagnon, Chairman**  
**Scarborough Town Council**

# Council To Reconsider Raised Leaching System

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council last night proposed an amendment to eliminate from the town's private sewage disposal ordinance a controversial section calling for the installation of a raised or mount type leaching system.

The council set May 2 for a public hearing on the proposal as well as several other amendments that are being suggested for the new ordinance, which is barely two months old.

If the council decides to eliminate the raised leaching system, it will spell relief for a

large number of worried Scarborough homeowners who have been faced with the possibility of having to replace any malfunctioning systems. One of the main reasons why the council frowned on the raised system is that it is costly and represents a major expense to the homeowner.

The existing ordinance allows the council to make exceptions in hardship cases. Five exceptions were granted by the council April 4 and many more applications are in line.

The raised leaching system never was very popular with the council but it nevertheless

was included in the ordinance for want of something better. It is modeled after a section of the New Hampshire plumbing code.

It spells particular hardship for residents with existing septic systems on small lots since installation involves extensive land use.

Another amendment proposed by the council last night would eliminate from the new ordinance the percolation rate time table, precipitating a return to the less stringent requirements of the state plumbing code.

A third proposed amendment that appears to be a compromise on the part of the coun-

cil would ease still another requirement. It calls for the ground water table to be at least three feet below the leach field absorption trench. The present ordinance calls for four feet. The state plumbing code calls for only two feet of good earth.

The town's private disposal ordinance was an effort to get out from under state regulations. It was enacted to clear up what were considered discrepancies in the state plumbing code and to tighten up on some of its provisions. The town was under pressure to clean up its sewage problems after the state's Department of Environ-

mental Improvement issued a consent order alleging violation of the state plumbing code. This was 18 months ago and it is still in force.

One section of the ordinance that the council is leaving intact governs the strict requirements for applications for private sewage disposal permits. It calls for the applicant to furnish the location of the proposed system, what the system will include, the size of the property where it will be installed and the name of the firm that is to perform the work. Also to be retained is a requirement to list the number of bedrooms to be serviced

and the estimated average daily water flow.

THE COUNCIL last night passed an emergency amendment to the traffic ordinance banning parking on either side of Route 1 from South Portland to the Saco line. In another amendment, it was decided to erect 12 new stop signs, mainly at intersections in new housing developments.

The council awarded the bid for building a new Pine Point pier and float to the South Portland Shipyard and Marine Railway Corp. for \$32,948. This was the low bid of five bids received. The others ranged upward to \$60,600.

The council gave first reading to a proposal to purchase two pieces of land for recreation and open space development. It was decided to give further study to both. One calls for spending \$6,000 for a triangular piece of land at the intersection of Black Point and Winnock's Neck Road as a location for the Rotary Club project of relocating and restoring the old Hunnewell House. The house is believed to be the oldest in the town. The other proposal is to purchase for \$3,000 land adjacent to Spurwick Road at the Spurwick River. This would insure public access to the river and provide a picnic area.

# Steele Resigns In Wake Of Dispute With DEP

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — Town Manager Robert D. Steele resigned last night as superintendent of the Scarborough Sanitary District, a post he has held since the district was formed three years ago.

He asked that his resignation become effective June 30 or sooner if a replacement can be found. In a prepared statement to district trustees, Steele attributed his resignation in part to the latest intervention by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in what he considers a local matter.

"It is unfortunate," Steele said, "that Scarborough Sanitary District, a relatively young quasi-municipal corporation, has had to face the problems of the constant pressure of federal and state agencies at the onset of a multi-million dollar pollution project.

"The intervention of the State

of Maine into the growth of our community is unprecedented. We have seen and are still seeing the rapid expansion of residential, commercial and industrial properties in surrounding communities with utter disregard of pollution control facilities or environmental considerations. Yet the town of Scarborough has been stopped in the midst of its fight for economic survival."

Steele also said, "The administrative responsibilities and that of planning and organizing the district has reached the point where I, as superintendent, do not have time to adequately carry on in this capacity."

The district trustees accepted the resignation with regret and thanked Steele for the excellent job he has done.

AT THE MEETING of the district trustees last night, Chairman Cleon Nelson read the latest communication from

the Department of Environmental Protection. This reported that Scarborough's request for license to increase the waste water discharge in its Oak Hill sewage treatment plant had been tabled. The DEP wanted to know if the district plans to take care of existing problem areas in the town before taking on any new users.

If so, the DEP wanted to know where the problem areas are and the total number of gallons of waste water involved per day. This information was requested prior to a DEP meeting May 4, when the Scarborough request will come up for consideration again.

The letter took Scarborough officials by surprise since at a public hearing held by the DEP last month on the license application, acting Chairman Jean Childs of Westbrook said the allocation of sewer connection permits is a policy matter for the district trustees to decide,

not the DEP.

At last night's district trustees meeting, Nelson said, "There seems to be a faction in town that is creating problems that we don't know about."

Steele told the trustees he had been advised by the town attorney that the DEP has no jurisdiction over who gets the permits or where they go. He said, however, that since the DEP did request the information in order to take action on the license request, that the trustees must submit the information.

Steele added that he had discussed the matter with Richard Swasey, a DEP engineer, and he said that "they" (meaning the DEP) are very concerned as to how the local permits will be assigned and it's "their" wish that little, if any, be given for new construction.

The trustees reluctantly voted to forward the list of allotments to the DEP. But they also voted unanimously to take issue with

the DEP and moved without DEP approval. They granted 11 of 260 available sewer connection permits to three new industries interested in locating in the town.

The trustees took the position that they had to face the situation "head-on" and not wait for the state's answer because it boiled down to a matter of granting the permits or taking the chance of losing the three good taxable industries to other Greater Portland communities.

The industries are Excelsior Laboratories, Holmes Trucking Co. and Sanborn Trucking Co. Excelsior was issued seven permits and the trucking concerns were given two permits each.

Several weeks ago Excelsior Laboratories presented preliminary plans to the planning board for a proposed \$2 million facility on nine acres of industrial land off the Pleasant Hill Road. The firm processes blood

and serum for hospitals.

A local moratorium on new sewer connections has been in effect 14 months due to an overloading of the town's only sewage treatment facility.

However, since the moratorium was initiated, the situation has improved and the town engineers have demonstrated that the treatment plant can handle an additional 90,000 gallons of waste water per day without adverse effects on the plant or the receiving waters for the discharge.

Trustees last night reasoned that because of the moratorium a voluntary action on the part of the district, the 11 permits, which would add only 4,000 gallons per day, could do no harm.

The trustees will be forwarding to the state today the list of applicants they consider should be granted the balance of the 260 permits in the increase in authorization they are seeking from the state. However, they

did not make this information public.

IN AUGUSTA, George C. Gormley, director of the DEP's Water quality Control Board, confirmed that the DEP has received letters and phone calls from Scarborough residents who are worried that the district may use the additional permits that it is seeking for new construction rather than to take care of existing problems.

Gormley said it has been policy over the years that the decision on permits has been a local matter but, in the case of Scarborough, the DEP has an enforcement action pending against the town and this would have some bearing on the situation.

While he couldn't speak for the entire commission, Gormley felt that if Scarborough is doing its best in handling existing problems, the DEP will be reasonable and the license increase will be forthcoming.

# Steele Asks Scarborough Council To Sue State

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council will discuss the possibility of taking legal action against the State of Maine when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at town hall.

Town manager Robert D. Steele is recommending that the Council authorize him and the town attorney to initiate legal action against the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health and Welfare Sanitary Engineering Division for failure to enforce existing state statutes and regulations.

Steele also is recommending that the Council request the governor to immediately call a statewide moratorium on all construction until it is shown that all projects are in compliance with the law.

Steele said he has several reasons for asking the Council to support him in this endeavor.

He cited an existing state statute which exempts municipalities that don't have sewage treatment plants from being required to have a license to dis-

charge into waterways providing the discharge remains the same. However, the same law also states upon a significant increase in the quantity or a significant adverse change in the quality of any discharge exempted. . . the municipality causing the increase or change shall be required to seek a license from the state.

He pointed out that several surrounding communities and major cities without the availability of municipal sewers are being allowed to continue to grow rapidly. They are overloading their existing systems and "millions and millions of gallons of raw sewage are going into Portland Harbor and the Fore and Presumpscot Rivers daily," he said.

"The law requires that if these exempted communities increase the quantities they are discharging as of the enactment date of the statute that their exemption for a license is null and void, and to my knowledge," Steele continued "there has not been any action by any of these state agencies on any of the municipalities in the state

for this particular violation."

On the other hand, however, Scarborough has had plenty of action from the state, he said. Eighteen months ago the DEP issued a consent order against the town alleging violation of the state plumbing code in that septic tanks and leaching fields were allowed to be installed in unsuitable soils.

"Of the more than 400 towns in the state, Scarborough is the only one to have such an action taken against them," Steele said. "At present, we are also the only community in the state to require a sub-soil investigation to be performed by a soil scientist prior to the issuance of a building permit for a septic tank installation, although it is clearly required in the state plumbing code," Steele said.

Over the past year Scarborough officials have tried to cooperate with state officials, he continued. The Town Council, as called for, filed the consent order with the DEP outlining the town's procedure of soil investigation. This data, along with a proposed pollution abatement program schedule, as pre-

pared by Whitman and Howard engineers of Boston, was forwarded to the DEP in Augusta.

Recently the Council also enacted a local plumbing code that is more strict than the provisions of the state plumbing code.

However, a communication received from the DEP last week, stating that they had tabled the Sanitary Districts request to increase its current discharge license at the Oak Hill treatment plant by an additional 90,000 gallons per day was apparently the "last straw."

The communication took town officials by surprise since at a public hearing held here by the DEP last month on the license application, their staff concurred with the town's engineers that the Oak Hill facility could adequately handle the additional loading without causing any adverse effect upon the plant or receiving water of the Noneseuch River.

The DEP wanted to know if the district plans to take care of existing problem areas in town before taking on new users.

And if so, who the 260 new

permits would be issued to. At the same hearing, in answer to a question asked, acting chairman Mrs. Jean Childs of Westbrook, said the allocation of the sewer permits is a policy matter for district trustees to decide, not the DEP.

Last week, the trustees voted to forward the proposed list of allotments to the DEP in an effort to expedite action on the license application. The list, however, was not made public.

The trustees are seeking the license increase so that 260 new sewer permits can be issued.

Currently, the trustees are holding a backlog of 1,275 applications for sewer permits from developers, residents and commercial interests. The backlog is the result of a voluntary moratorium on the part of the trustees enacted 14 months ago. The moratorium banned the acceptance of any new sewer connections.

Most of the trustees feel that they are closer to the problems of the town and are more capable of deciding where the permits should go. Paul Beaulieu, a trustee, said, "we fully intended right from the beginning

to take in as many pollution areas as possible depending upon funds that are available."

The Oak Hill treatment plant was one of the first in the state. It opened in 1963. It was expanded to include secondary treatment in 1967.

Three years ago, Scarborough was the first town in the state to vote to create its own Sanitary District. Until this year, it was supported by a yearly appropriation from the town. Now, however, the district is operated and maintained entirely by user fees.

This year's budget is \$77,932. The breakdown is residential, 126 homes at \$137 annually, \$17,262; apartments and trailers, 124.5 units, \$17,056; industrial, Humpty Dumpty contract, \$25,919 yearly, Scarborough Downs contract, \$7,200 yearly; commercial establishments, 77 users, \$10,495.

Council Chairman Thomas E. Gagnon said Friday he is supporting Steele in his recommendations. He said, he was told by a member of the DEP last week that they (DEP) had received calls and letters from

Scarborough residents who are concerned that the trustees may use the permits for new construction rather than to clean up existing pollution areas.

Last week, the district trustees, without state approval, voted to issue 11 of the 60 requested new sewer permits to three prospective industries which showed interest in locating here. They decided to issue the permits without waiting for the state's approval because they felt they couldn't "sit back and take a chance on losing good taxable industry for no reason at all," especially since the towns engineers had proved that the Oak Hill plant would handle the additional loading.

Steele and Gagnon both feel the town is being discriminated against even though it has the facility to do the job—it's not allowed to do it.

Steele concluded, "our concern is that environmental laws are not being enforced in other communities. We look around us and see areas still being allowed to expand without using sewers and we feel it's very unjust."

# Council Okays Legal Action Against State Agencies

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The town council last night voted 6 to 1 to initiate legal action against two state agencies and to request the Governor to immediately call a statewide moratorium on all construction.

The town is charging that the departments are operating under a double standard with regard to pollution control, forcing Scarborough to comply with the letter of the law while allowing other cities and towns to grow unchecked without the benefit of municipal sewers.

The dissenting councilor was Robert D. Platt. An attorney, he felt that the town attorney and town manager should confer with the state and try to work something out that way prior to going to court.

The legal action will be taken

against the Maine Department of Health & Welfare, specifically its Division of Sanitation, and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. It will be claimed they have failed to enforce the Maine State plumbing code and existing state statutes with regard to pollution.

The council wants the Governor to call the moratorium on construction until each of the municipalities shows it is working in compliance with state laws and regulations.

The legal action was proposed by Town Manager Robert D. Steele, who pointed specifically to the Maine Mall shopping center in South Portland as an example. He said the mall was originally planned to be built in Scarborough but went into South Portland due to political reasons despite a lack of municipal sewerage. The Scarborough

site for the shopping center, he said was sewerage.

Much of the Scarborough's position revolves around Title 38-Chapter 413 in the state law which provides that municipalities can continue to discharge waste water into existing waterways but says they can't increase the volume or cause any change in the quality of the water without a discharge license from the state. The law dates back to 1958. Scarborough maintains it hasn't been enforced.

Steele said Scarborough has tried to cooperate with the state agencies since 1962, when the town was told it couldn't build a junior high school unless it built a sewage treatment plant. The plant, he noted, was constructed the following year and was expanded in 1967 to upgrade the standard of treatment.

Scarborough has a long standing, long range comprehensive

sewage abatement program. It has already built extensive lines to sewer the high school and junior high school, two major shopping centers, two industrial areas, a large trailer park, other industries with pollution problems, two large housing developments and a number of single family homes.

Steele said, nevertheless, the DEP "dropped a bomb" on Scarborough with no prior warning. This was about two years ago when it issued a consent order against the town alleging violation of the state plumbing code. The state claimed that Scarborough was allowing septic tanks and leaching beds in soils that were unsuitable.

This, the manager said, put a halt to virtually all building in Scarborough.

Councilor Leon Libby re-

minded fellow councilors that the squeaking wheel gets the grease. "We have been subjected to unreasonable injustice beyond conception. We have been made a guinea pig and will continue to be one until we stand straight and say enough is enough. Justice is justice," he said.

Libby said the town may not win its court action against the state but at least it will call attention to Scarborough's plight and put the state agencies "on the defensive."

Scarborough elected to provide its own system of public sewers independent of a regional system under Portland Water District that is in the design stage. It was suggested last night that this might be one of the reasons for the unexplained pressure from the state because Scarborough may have alienated a few individuals "along

the way." But this thought was not given much consideration.

Scarborough formed its own sanitary district three years ago to operate the sewer system as an independent entity from the town.

The most recent development was two weeks ago when the trustees of the sanitary district were notified that the DEP had tabled their request to increase the current discharge license at the town's Oak Hill treatment plant by 90,000 per day.

This is the equivalent of 260 new sewer permits and was the allowable figure in the view of town engineers. The DEP staff at a public hearing held here last month concurred that the facility could handle the additional load.

The DEP, however, wanted

further information. It wanted to know particularly if the sewer district planned to clean up existing pollution problems before granting sewer permits for new construction. Both the DEP and the trustees agreed at the hearing that the question of who was to get the new permits should be a local decision.

Councilor Platt was reluctant to see the town take legal steps without proper consideration and a course of action. There were no details worked out last night. The matter will be turned over to the town attorney.

The sanitary district has forwarded to the DEP its list of approved new sewer connections. The DEP staff is due to meet tomorrow and it has been indicated that it will make a decision on the Scarborough increased discharge license request.

# Councilors To Consider Funds For Road Work

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council will hold a first reading tonight on an order calling for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the reconstruction of the Black Point Road.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

The council discussed the proposed reconstruction of the Black Point Road at length two weeks ago. The trustees of the Sanitary District plan to construct sewers in the Oak Hill area and asked the council to assist financially in the project with rebuilding of the road. The entire cost of the project is estimated to cost \$275,000 and the district requested the sum of \$27,700 from the town. The need for an extra \$13,000 was not explained.

The project includes installing sanitary and storm sewers on

the Black Point Road for a distance of about 3,000 feet easterly from Route 1, and installing sanitary sewers only on Fairview, Thornton and Westwood Roads.

This item received considerable discussion from the residents of the area, particularly in regards to entrance fees and assessments for use of the storm drain sewer on the Black Point Road.

The proposed project breakdown is: \$76,100, sanitary district's share; \$76,100, homeowners' assessment share; \$87,700 town's share and \$35,500 homeowners' storm sewer share.

As a condition to granting the Sanitary District's license application to increase the load capacity of the Oak Hill sanitary sewer, the State Department of Environmental Protection has said the Oak Hill area must be sewerred.

THE COUNCIL will hear a report from the Appointments Committee and set a date for the Finance Committee to meet.

Tonight's agenda also includes a long list of communications to be read. Included is a letter from the Greater Portland Council of Governments regarding its proposed regional solid waste program. A letter from Nedra Construction concerning the purchase of the land at the rear of the Curriculum Center on Route 1.

Also a communication from the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the Nedra Development at Oak Hill, a letter from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Scarborough River Dredging project, and a letter from the County Commissions on the county tax.

Public hearings on three applications for renewals of victualers licenses and two applications for liquor licenses will be held.

Seeking victualers licenses are: The Grove, Seafarer Lobster Restaurant and Foley's Ice Cream. The Black Point Inn and Spring Valley Country Club are seeking liquor licenses.

## Choice May Be Made Tonight

# Waste Treatment Proposals Detailed

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — A report outlining proposed sewage treatment facilities for this town will be reviewed and possibly acted upon when the trustees of the Sanitary District meet at 7:30 tonight at town hall.

The proposal was explained by Robert E. Hickman of Whitman and Howard Engineers at a special meeting of the Sanitary District here Monday. Last year the trustees hired the firm to study sewage disposal problems in town and to develop plans for abating them.

In December Whitman and Howard submitted the report containing three alternative plans for waste water collection and treatment. At the same time the report was sent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for its review and approval.

It was reported Monday that DEP has approved the first alternative plan for sewage treatment outlined in the report. Alternative A calls for construction of a three million gallon per day secondary treatment facility at Prout's Neck. Under this plan, the existing Oak Hill treatment plant would be eliminated for treatment and converted into a pumping station.

The estimated cost of the recommended project totals \$5,456,000. Federal aid in the amount of 75 per cent or \$3,500,000 and state aid of 10 per cent or \$470,000 would reduce the district's projected cost to \$1,486,000.

Hickman stated at Monday's meeting that as of two weeks ago Scarborough was in third place in order of priority for funds from the state towards sewage abatement costs. Hickman also cautioned that the plans and specifications for the proposed project

must be completed prior to federal funds becoming available, possibly in 1974, or the town could lose out.

The Prout's Neck treatment plant would be constructed to handle a 25-year design average daily flow of three million gallons per day with a bio-oxygen demand loading of 7,540 pounds per day. Effluent from the facility would be pumped into the ocean off Prout's Neck. The plant could also be expanded to include tertiary treatment in about 10 years time.

The district's pollution abatement program calls for constructing sewers in phases in six critical areas: Higgins Beach, Willowdale, Pine Point, Blue Point, West Scarborough and Oak Hill.

Sewers for the Oak Hill area had been scheduled for construction in the area after the Willowdale area was completed. However, the district recently contracted with Whitman and Howard to prepare plans and specifications for sewerage the area this year.

This week Hickman also presented cost estimates to sewer two major housing developments in the Pleasant Hill area. This was done at the request of the trustees. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,150,000. However, Hickman hadn't determined how much of the cost would be eligible for federal aid. He said a determination from the federal government would have to be obtained.

In answer to a question — tertiary treatment versus secondary—Hickman said if tertiary treatment were warranted, the proposed Prout's Neck facility would be designed to include it. However,

the engineering firm feels at this time that the turbulent waters of the Atlantic Ocean can effectively handle the effluent that will be discharged from the proposed plant.

He said, secondary treatment provides about 90 per cent removal of the pollutants and solids and the effluent is chlorinated prior to discharge. If tertiary treatment were used 98 per cent of the solids would be removed prior to discharge, but the cost to construct the facility would be double that of a secondary treatment plant.

He also pointed out at an earlier meeting that the federal government will not fund a project using tertiary treat-

ment if only secondary treatment is called for.

Under Alternative B of the report the existing Oak Hill sewage treatment plant would be expanded to handle a flow of about 1.5 million gallons per day and the sewage treatment plant proposed for Prout's Neck would be constructed to handle a flow of just over 1.5 million gallons per day. This plan would cost the district about \$1,250,000 to construct.

Alternative C, calls for all sewage generated in the town to be transported through collector lines to a sanitary treatment plant proposed for South Portland. This plant has a present design capacity

to handle an average daily flow of 5.5 million gallons per day. If Scarborough were to enter into this facility the plant would have to be re-designed and enlarged to handle an average daily flow of 3.5 million gallons per day. This plan would cost the district about \$2,150,000.

Generally, the engineering firm feels constructing one facility at Prout's Neck to be the most economical and most beneficial system for the town. This plan would also eliminate the discharge of effluent into the Nonesuch River estuary which is now taking place at the Oak Hill plant.

# Scarborough Progressing Well On Job Of Repairing Route One

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — The Public Works Department is in the process of giving two sections of Route 1 a much needed facelift.

Work to repave about two miles of the highway started Wednesday. It consists of placing three inches of hot top on the four-lane road and finishing the shoulders.

The first section, from the Big

20 Bowling Alley property to just south of South Gate Road on the marsh, has been completed for the most part. The second section starts at Rose Hill Road and goes to Queens Drive near the Saco line.

Public Works Director Elwood R. Mitchell estimated the cost of the entire project to be \$54,000 including labor and equipment. He added that the paving work is going faster

than anticipated and his crew should complete the work by next Wednesday.

Plans call for Route 1 from the South Portland line to the Nonesuch River to be resurfaced next spring. This will complete all the areas of Route 1 which the town is responsible for maintaining. Route 1 on the Scarborough marsh and a small section of the roadway near the Saco line comes under the juris-

dition of the State Department of Transportation in Augusta.

The Public Works crew will go on to new road work when the Route 1 repaving project is finished. Next on the agenda is about a mile of new roads, including Berry Road in North Scarborough and four streets at the Royal Acres housing development off Sawyer Road.

Also to be completed is about 27 miles of seal and patch work.

# Council Accepts 5 Bids For Tax Acquired Land

SCARBOROUGH — The Town Council last night accepted five bids received for the purchase of tax acquired property. Four bids received were rejected and two bids were postponed until contact could be made with the bidders regarding the property.

The four highest bids accepted for parcels of tax acquired property were:

A bid of \$4,000 for 47.9 acres of land on Broadturn Road, former Robert Fuller property, unpaid taxes of \$1,400, three bids were received. A high bid of \$305 for the gully near the Payne Road and Interstate 295, former Millie Frost property, unpaid taxes of \$17.59, three bids were received.

A single bid of \$1,600 for 6.6

## Lions To Offer Choice Articles At Auction

FALMOUTH — Many choice articles have been collected for the Falmouth Lions Club Old Home Day Auction to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the K-Mart Shopping Center parking area.

M. Robert Hunt, Howard F. Esty and Dr. Joseph Long are general chairmen.

Auctioneer will be Donald Kimball. Among the Lions assisting will be Norris Cianchette, Richard Dieffenbach, Thomas Leighton, Richard Cole, Dana Willard, Richard Morrow, Reginald K. Nye, William Richards, Marcus Goodnow, Jonathan Robinson, Donald G. Demmons and Richard Lawler.

A snack bar will be open all day and will feature Italian meat ball sandwiches, hot dogs, coffee and cold drinks. Carmine P. DiPietro is chairman assisted by George M. Tansey.

Jeremiah Guiles will be in charge of the midway including games of skill, tractor-drawn train rides and a moon ride for old and young alike. Robert L. Fuller will be in charge of tickets.

Home baked food furnished by the wives of the Lions will be on sale with Mrs. Thomas D. Walsh, Mrs. Esty, Mrs. Long

acres near the Maine Turnpike, former Ernest Hawkes property, \$44 in unpaid taxes. Also a bid of \$1,159 for a 7,300 square foot triangle off Greenwood Avenue, Higgins Beach, former Florence Furlong property, unpaid taxes of \$388, two bid received and a single bid of \$500 for land off Route to the rear of Log Cabin Restaurant, former Douglas at al property, taxes unpaid of \$467.

The names of the bidders were not revealed.

The four rejected bids and reasons for rejection were: A high bid of \$305 was rejected for the former Nellie Lund property at 411 Gorham Road because the bid was lower than the \$425 due in unpaid taxes on the property. Also, Town Manager Robert D. Steele said the people now living in the house have said they will pay all the back taxes due.

Steele said, S.C. Stevens owner of wild land on Ash Swamp Road put up to bid has redeemed the property by paying \$987 due in taxes. The bid received was lower than the taxes due.

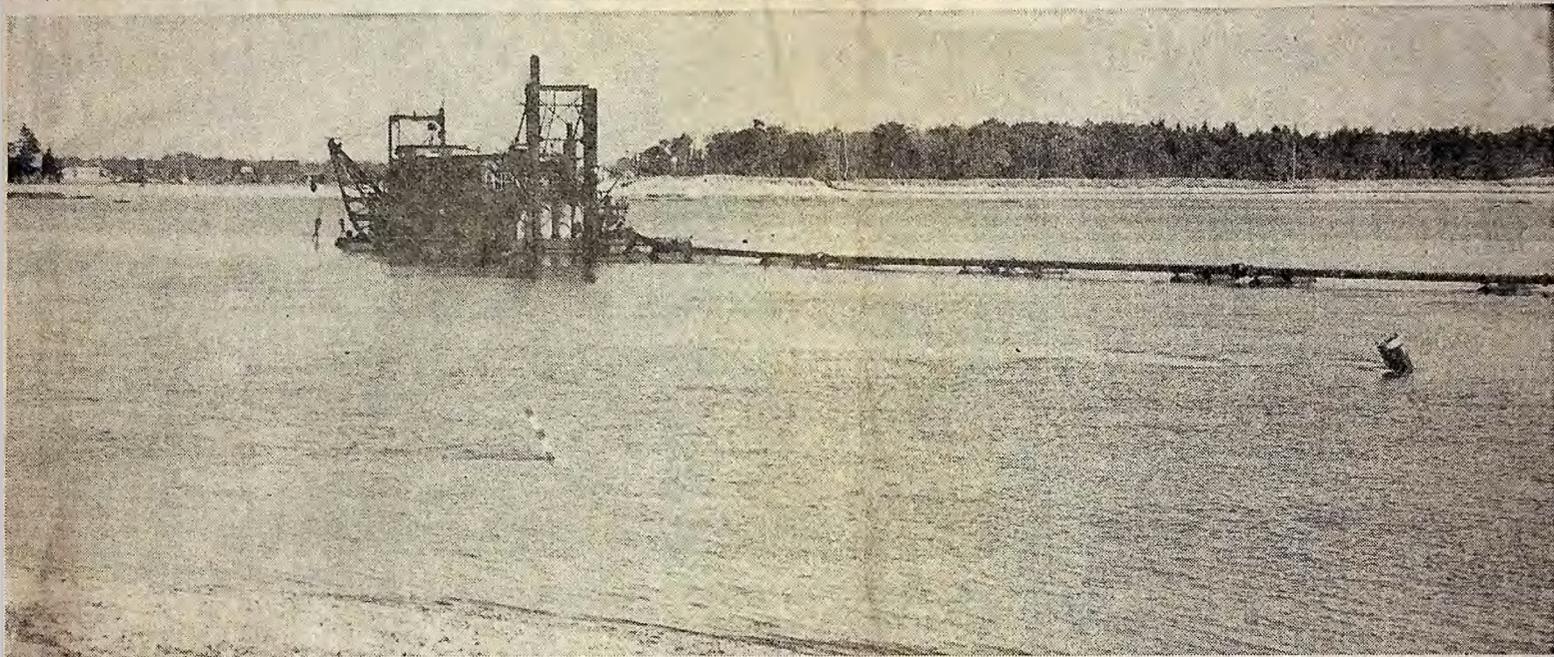
The two bids received for the one-quarter acre of land, former Ralph A. Curlew property, on Hearn Road were also lower than the \$481 due in taxes. The highest bid was \$265.

Steele advised the Council that the land on Jasper St. is town owned property and not tax acquired, therefore it shouldn't have been put out to bid.

The two parcels of tax acquired land that the Council decided to postpone action on were two and one half acres of property located near the State Police Barracks on Route 1, former Arthur Stevens property and the Jack McPhail property on Hearn Road.

A high bid of \$6,200 was received on the Route 1 property but the Council decided to hold off on any action until the bidder could be made aware that the land in question is in the proposed Resource Protection zone.

Four bids were received for the 2.8 acres of land on Hearn Road, Jack McPhail property. Steele advised the Council that he had heard yesterday that a local resident had received a deed to the property from the



Scarborough River gets a dredging

## River's Channel And Anchorage Being Dredged

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — Dredging operations in the Scarborough River to restore the channel and anchorage to their authorized depth are now under way.

The maintenance program is a project of the Army Corp of Engineers and is being done under a contract awarded to the Northeast Dredging Company of Boston.

An estimated 124,700 cubic yards of sand will be removed this year to restore the entrance channel to its authorized depth of eight feet and the channel and anchorage area to a depth of six feet.

This year the engineers will be contending with extensive shoaling of the approach channel, inner channel and anchorage area resulting from a major coastal storm last February.

The clearance work is being done with a

government side cast dredge and the disposal site for the sand is property owned by William Goggins which is located near the golf course at Prout's Neck.

The dredging area includes an entrance channel 200 feet wide and eight feet deep at mean low water across a sand bar which forms an area from 1,000 feet to 3,000 feet seaward off Pine Point. A channel 2,400 feet long, 100 feet wide and six feet deep and an anchorage area 1,350 feet long, 300 feet wide

and six feet deep and an 800-foot long jetty originating at the tip of Pine Point. No work is planned on the jetty at this time.

The dredging operation is expected to be completed in about two weeks time. It will benefit commercial fisherman, recreation boats and others who depend on a safe and adequate navigating facility for their business and recreational use.

The last maintenance project on the river was completed about three years ago.

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# Closing Of Road OK'd By Council

By LORRAINE ALLEN  
Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH — There was no opposition at a public hearing held by the town council last night on a request from Blue Rock Industries of Westbrook to discontinue a portion of the Green Road at North Scarborough.

After the hearing, the council voted unanimously to discontinue 543 feet of this road as requested.

The road is located off Running Hill Road and was laid out as a town way in 1913. Earlier there were houses in the area but most recently the road has lead only into a gravel pit owned by Blue Rock and land has been excavated on all sides of it.

The council also accepted Blue Rock's offer to pay 25 cents per cubic yard for the 10,600 yards of gravel that will be removed from the discontinued section.

The gravel pit is the site of the proposed Greater Portland Council of Governments regional solid waste disposal operation.

Warranty deeds from Webber Farms for Coach Lantern Road East off Winnock's Neck Road

and Brown Brothers for Ironclad Road off Fogg Road for approval as town ways were accepted by the council. However, a quit claim deed submitted by Carroll Martin for acceptance of an additional 131 feet of Martin Avenue off Broadturn Road was tabled until the warranty deed is received.

It was reported to the council that a problem in the Brown Homes development regarding subsurface water drainage on some of the streets has been satisfactorily taken care of by the developer. Some months ago the council tabled action on approving Ironclad Road until this was done.

The council awarded the contract for purchasing a new police cruiser to Hansen Chrysler-Plymouth of South Portland, low bidder for \$2,558 with trade-in. The only other bidder was Bidell Motors of Saco for \$2,750 with trade-in.

The council also accepted \$4,500 from the state for purchase through eminent domain proceedings of a triangular piece of land at the intersection of Route 22 and Gorham Road to be used in road reconstruction. This is presently a picnic area.