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|  | Preserve Access to Scarborough’s  Parks & Beaches! |

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| On October 2, the Town Council amended the Animal Control Ordinance so that:   * Dogs must always be on a leash less than 8 feet long when on Town beaches – even in the winter. * Leashes are also always required **on all Town** **parks, fields, streets and sidewalks** – leaving no public space for a dog to even chase a ball. * Overnight, Scarborough became one of the most dog-restrictive towns in Maine with dramatic negative consequences for many Town residents, businesses and seasonal visitors.   ***These changes were significantly more restrictive than any previously considered. The Council acted without notice and without allowing any public discussion.*** |  | *What you can do to help…*   * SIGN OUR PETITION to authorize a special election to overturn the amended ordinance. * Ask friends & neighbors to sign the petition. * Learn more about the issue and how to sign a petition by visiting our website at:   **www.scarborodogs.com**   * Watch for the exact date of the special election to overturn the amended ordinance in December!   Scarborough already had a *thoughtful and*  *well-reasoned* beach access policy. During the summer, it only allowed unleashed dogs under voice control on the beaches from 6-9am; after 5pm dogs were required to be on leashes. It considered the needs of beach goers, surfers, fishermen, dog owners and threatened wildlife – fairly and reasonably. Please help us restore that common-sense access to Scarborough’s beautiful beaches!  Dog Owners of Greater Scarborough  Join our mailing list at scarboro.dogs@gmail.com  10-08-13 |