

Public Comment Statement for Town of Exeter Select Board Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:30pm

RE: Swasey Parkway Vehicle Access

Dear Select Board Members,

The Board's decision to reopen Swasey Parkway to vehicle traffic following temporary closure during the COVID-19 pandemic is commendable. Opening one lane to through traffic while the other remains closed to facilitate additional community gather space strikes a thoughtful balance.

In light of continued public discourse around the future of vehicle access at Swasey Parkway, I'm writing to strongly recommend that the roadway remains at least partially open to facilitate access for elderly and disabled residents. Closing the parkway to vehicles would deny many community members who are unable to walk from more distant parking locations the pleasure of this treasured park space.

Maintaining vehicle access is consistent with the property donor Ambrose Swasey's intentions and the related Trust Agreement which explains that Swasey Parkway is "...to be used solely for park purposes, and the roadway therein open only to pleasure vehicles." Public recreation, and related access for vehicles, is therefore the central purpose of this site gifted to the community.

To preserve accessibility for all community members, keeping one lane of Swasey Parkway open for vehicle traffic is the best, most equitable path forward.

Sincerely,

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## Swazey park way

2 messages

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Sat, Nov 13, 2021 at 1:38 PM

My name is Kevin Corbin Sr. And lived in Exeter for about 20 years and owned a welding business for 10 of that! I am a 100% Disabled Veteran that was paralyzed and couldn't walk 2 times over the years! I couldn't believe when I visited the park and realized I couldn't drive down and eat my lunch in the vehicle! I recently was told the The Town was another park for the kids and strollers! There is enough parks that aren't accessable to disabled people in vehicles! When Swazey's donated the land is was set up for the residents of Exeter! What happened to letting elderly and disabled people from using it as it was meant for!!

Kevin Corbin Sr.

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Mon, Nov 15, 2021 at 8:56 AM

Good morning Mr. Corbin.

Thank you for your email. Your statement will be added to tonight's Select Board Packet as a supplement.

Have a good day.

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*Pam McElroy*

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