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Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting Minutes 1/19/2018

Present: Mark Damsell, Florence Ruffner, Gerry Hamel, and BoS rep. Anne Surman Meeting called to order at 8:25 am.

Public Comment:

Meghan Bideford, SPCA – Chris Carroghan, SPC – Paddle Board Club. Meghan and Chris presented to the Trustees their desire to hold an event in the Parkway that needed access to the river. Gerry informed them that there was no access from the Parkway and suggested looking into the town boat ramp for their event.

BoS rep. Anne Surman presented the warrant article about the funds for the pavilion in the Parkway. Gerry suggested we amend the warrant article to read the Town will maintain the pavilion and the Trustees would oversee scheduling, fees and all uses for the pavilion. Mark made a motion to approve the warrant with amendments, Florence seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Discussion about approving applications during the construction process. Florence suggested approving all the applications with the condition it may change due to the construction schedule. Gerry suggested that we meet with the contractor T-Buck to discuss scheduling of events. Mark mentioned that the construction would probably not be taking place on holidays and weekends and most of the applications are for weekends. Florence mentioned that it was her understanding that all the piping would be laid by April and Gerry and Mark mentioned that the project is already behind. It was discussed that prior to our next meeting we would consult with T-Buck and DPW. Gerry mentioned that the only event that is in the MOU is the Farmer's Market on Thursday's. Mark suggested waiting a few weeks to see how far along the project is and Florence expressed concern for the people with applications already in because they need to start planning for their events.

Florence will put all of the existing applications on a calendar so we can consult T-Buck for their scheduling. Mark and Gerry express concern for the road being one way and the lawn area not being ready for people's use. Florence suggested blocking off areas where people should not be.

Gerry is checking to see if Seacoast Growers have paid their fees for 2017. Mark paid the bill to the Town of Exeter, Florence inquired about the financial statement to the Town for 2017 and Gerry stated he is working on it.

Work order with DPW was discussed for painting of the lamp posts and repairing the fencing on Water Street. Florence agreed to follow up with DPW. Florence suggested the possibility of someday replacing the sidewalks with concrete to match the new sidewalks downtown and some kind of black aluminum fencing on the river and some flower beds. Mark and Gerry expressed concern about the lack of funds for those projects and Florence agreed to look into what the costs would be and the possibility of donations for improvements in the Parkway.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.