

Draft Minutes  
Swasey Parkway Trustees  
3/30/18

In attendance: Trustees Mark Damsell, Gerry Hamel, Florence Ruffner and Select board rep Anne Surman

Meeting called 8:15.

Trustee Hamel stated he needed to leave by 9:45.

First order of business was electing officers for year.

Trustee Hamel nominated Trustee Ruffner for chair. Trustee Damsell second.

Vote unanimous.

Trustee Ruffner nominated Trustee Hamel as scribe. Trustee Damsell second.

Vote unanimous.

Public Comment:

Dale Albert had concerns that the meeting was not posted in enough time to notify people. Trustee Hamel stated that all meetings have been posted in the proper time frame of 24 hours before meeting.

Mr. Albert would like to see them earlier and see monthly meetings. Chair Ruffner agreed.

Motion made by Chair Ruffner to have monthly meetings.

Second by Trustee Hamel.

Vote unanimous.

Mr. Albert would like to see meetings televised. Chair Ruffner agreed. Trustee Damsell and Trustee Hamel did not feel that they needed to be televised but did not see any problem if they were. Chair Ruffner will see about having meetings televised.

Motion was made by Chair Ruffner. Second by Trustee Hamel.

Vote unanimous.

Mr. Albert was also concerned about text and emails between Trustees. Dan Chartrand had same concern and stated it was a violation of 91A. Mr. Chartrand stated that due to the fact that there are only three Trustees that any text or email that is shared

between two Trustees is considered a quorum and cannot be done. An example was read by Scott Ruffner where Trustee Hamel asked him in a text if he would be open to other dates for an event. Due to the other Trustees being copied, Mr. Chartrand said it was a violation of 91A.

Mr Albert was also concerned that Select Woman Surman has been a Select Board Rep to Swasey for the past few years and should be changed. Mr. Chartrand agreed and said Select Woman Surman was part of the problem with the “rot” with the Trustees.

A motion to keep Select Woman Surman as Select Board Rep was made by Trustee Hamel . Second by Trustee Damsell. Vote. Trustee Damsell and Trustee Hamel in favor. Chair Ruffner against.

Scott Ruffner brought up issue of TEAM events on May 19 and September 22. The May 19<sup>th</sup> event was voted on last meeting with a vote of Trustee Hamel in favor with conditions, Trustee Damsell against and Chair Ruffner abstaining. Mr. Ruffner said the event that was well attended and good for the town and would like another vote on the event. Similar comments were made by Molly Ruffner, Emma Grazier, Dale Albert, Sharon Harrison, Jim Favor, and Dan Chartrand.

Vote. Chair Ruffner in favor, Trustee Hamel in favor with condition that the construction company currently doing the project in the park would have ultimate decision on the May 19<sup>th</sup> event. The parkway will be closed due to loaming and seeding for the two weeks in the same time period in which the event was planned. If the company does not want the event to take place due to construction, the event will have to take place elsewhere. Trustee Damsell voting against.

This was agreed on by Mr. Ruffner.

Mr. Ruffner also wanted a vote on the September 22 event. Trustee Hamel said Swag on Swasey also requested the same date for an event. Last year was the first year for both events in Swasey Park. Both were successful. Trustee Hamel held off on the vote at the last meeting wanting to see if both events could come to a compromise for the 22th. He was also very concerned that the date on the Swag application was altered and changed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> on a Google calendar produced by Chair Ruffner.

Vote on event was postponed till next meeting.

Trustee Hamel had to leave, as stated in the beginning of the meeting at 9:45

Chair Ruffner adjourned the meeting at 9:46

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Gerry Hamel / Scribe