

Town of Exeter

Swasey Site Walk Minutes for 1/14/2021

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark W. Damsell, Dave Short, Dwane Staples

The meeting was opened at 1:10pm by Chair Dwane Staples

A motion was made by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. Damsell to approve the minutes of the meeting of 10/28/2020. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. Staples to accept the minutes of the meeting of 11/30/2020 for the purpose of opening the maintenance bids for the 2021 season. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Staples brought up the damage that had been done to the fence by piling snow against it behind the old electric building. Chair Staples will contact PEA about the damage and ask it be fixed.

The Trustees reviewed the pruning that was done in the Parkway and were satisfied with the job.

The Trustees then proceeded to walk and look at several trees that Chair Staples thinks are a hazard and should be removed. Mr. Damsell will contact Piscataqua Tree and get pricing for the tree removal. Chair Staples will contact two other companies for pricing.

The Trustees talked about clearing along Norris Brook on the recommendation of Mr. Damsell to control some of the invasive plants there. It was decided that Mr. Damsell and Chair Staples would work on this project before spring.

Chair Staples said he was contacted by students from the High School about picking up trash in the Parkway for community service that they had to do. A date was tentatively set for January depending on weather conditions. All agreed that was a good project to support.

Mr. Damsell said he had received an email in regards to a new bench. The Trustees had voted not to approve any more benches until a Master Plan was laid out so Mr. Damsell will contact the person who had applied for the bench.

Mr. Short gave an update on the Pocket Park and that not much was happening at this time. There were ideas of how to market the plan and getting the word out.

The Trustees looked at the Tardiff family bench and decided that it was a safety hazard and a motion was made by Chair Staples and seconded by Mr. Short that it should be replaced and that the trustees should pay for this expense since all avenues to find any family members had been exhausted and none could be found. Mr. Damsell will contact the bench company and follow up with a plaque with the same wording as on the bench now.

The Trustees also discussed the replacement of the granite posts that were damaged by the car accident. It was decided to contact the Town to see when they will be replaced.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chair Staples and seconded by Mr. Damsell and passed unanimously. Adjourn at 2:59pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dwane Staples Chair