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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Meeting Room
April 13, 2022
Approved Minutes**

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- **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and introduced the members

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- **Introductions:**

11 **Present were:** Chair Dwane Staples, Dave Short, Darius Thompson and Select Board
12 Representative Niko Papakonstantis
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- **Public Comment**

15 Chair Staples asked if there were any comments from the public.

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- **Tree Work Update**

17 Mr. Short reported that insurance certificates are being provided, there are four companies,
18 25 or so volunteers who will be working on the 29th. He would like to provide breakfast from
19 St. Anthony's and lunch from Lexie's Place. The roadway will be blocked off by sidewalks
20 open under supervision. Signage will be brought in as to why the road is closed that day.
21 Mr. Damsell volunteered to help that day. Mr. Short spoke to Jonathan about spring
22 cleanup and he will do that next week.

23 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to provide***
24 ***breakfast and lunch to the tree workers that day. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A***
25 ***vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

26 Mr. Thompson asked what would be done with the log lengths and Mr. Short noted that will
27 be discussed at the walk through. He added that since stump grinding and filling will not be
28 done immediately leaving the stumps at 3' height so no one will trip over them until they are
29 taken care of. Mr. Thompson asked if anything could be made use of whether as a seat or
30 something artistic. Mr. Short stated that the locations are not in places that would lend
31 themselves to that. Chair Staples noted they would be left and flagged.

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- **Events for the month of April**

33 Chair Staples reported on two events for the month of April, an Easter egg hunt on the 16th
34 and a 70th Birthday Party on the 23rd at the pavilion mostly, with about 30 people and chairs,
35 no parking or food.

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- **Portable Facilities**

37 Chair Staples polled the members on how they felt about providing portable facilities at the
38 Parkway this year. The last time they were provided was in 2019 before COVID. The
39 Trustees agreed that due to dumping trash and vandalism to only provide one on the day of

40 the tree work only. Most events provide their own. There are no trash receptacles at any of
41 the parks.

42 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to provide portable facilities for the tree workers. Mr. Short***
43 ***seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed***
44 ***unanimously.***

45 Mr. Short will follow up with Greg Bisson to see who Parks & Recreation use for that.

46 Mr. Thompson recommended providing signage that the Parkway is Carry In and Carry Out
47 and perhaps for speed. Chair Staples added that this is something that could be posted if
48 they had a kiosk. Mr. Papakonstantis noted he will follow up with the Town Manger to see if
49 ARPA could fund the signage. There has been no final resolution on the road way yet. Mr.
50 Thompson recommended three or four for entrances and the pavilion area.

51 • **PEA Students for 4/25/2022 Climate Action Day**

52 Chair Staples reported he had an offer from 20-25 students at PEA to provide help on April
53 25th. The Trustees agreed that it was a great offer but would decline this year as it was too
54 close to the date of the tree work. Chair Staples will let them know.

55 Mr. Thompson asked if they could identify trees. Mr. Short reported that the Tree
56 Committee is working on that. Ten trees have been identified and will have plaques set in
57 concrete with their name, botanical name and the town logo. The plaques will state whether
58 native or non-native species. Mr. Short will forward the proposal that Ms. Murphy received.

59 • **Other Business**

60 Mr. Short reported the fence repair is moving forward.

61 Mr. Short noted that he mentioned to Jay at DPW about parking concerns at the end of Park
62 Street and recommends parking on one side to Dewey to unclog the end.

63 • **Public Comment**

64 Mark Damsell stated that he agrees with the decision about the portable facilities although it
65 is unfortunate. Mr. Damsell stated that he looks forward to volunteering on Arbor Day.

66 Unidentified (inaudible) stated that she agrees that signs for speed are a good idea.

67 • **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

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69 • **Adjourn**

70 ***Chair Staples motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***
71 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

72 Respectfully submitted,

73 Daniel Hoijer
74 Recording Secretary
75 (via *ExeterTv.com*)