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

- 7 • **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and
8 introduced the members who were present
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10 • **Introductions:**

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

15 Chair Staples asked if there were any comments from the public at 5:33 PM.

16 • **Tree Work Update**

17 Mr. Short reported that the tree work done with Seacoast Arborist Collaborative could not
18 have gone better. Mr. Short commented that a lot of work was done by the 15 plus workers
19 from four different companies, throughout the Parkway. There were six to eight trucks, two
20 chippers, lifts and the air spade. He remarked on the work done to the Birch tree which had
21 an application treatment, was air spaded, pruned and cabled; the Maple tree to the right was
22 lightened and some other trees they had marked for removal are now being reconsidered.
23 Mr. Short noted there is one tree for example that was being considered for removal, that
24 while it is not a great tree serves a good purpose.

25 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis asked that the Trustees email him so with the
26 names of the companies and who provided the refreshments so that the Select Board could
27 give them recognition for their work. Mr. Short noted that the event was captured by
28 ExeterTV and Seacoast Online. Chair Staples thanked Mr. Short for taking the lead on that
29 and Mark Damsell for his help. The Trustees agreed they would do a Site Walk later this
30 summer.

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32 • **Events for the month of May**

33 Chair Staples reported on events scheduled for the month of May: the Teams Event on
34 Saturday, May 21st; the Farmer's Market will run every Thursday from May 12, 2022 through
35 October; and the Memorial Day Parade will end at the Parkway on May 30th.

36 • **Approve Meeting Minutes 4/13/2022**

37 ***Chair Staples motioned to approve the April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Short***
38 ***seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed***
39 ***unanimously 2-0-0.***

40 • **Fence Repair**

41 Mr. Short noted that he had put caution tape up on the fence that needs repair, which was
42 hit by a plow or something. He called Greg Bisson to get the name of the fence company
43 that Recreation uses and will get ahold of someone at AAA to fix it.

44 ***Chair Staples motioned to authorize Dave Short to contact the fence company and get***
45 ***pricing and if he feels he is comfortable with the pricing to get the fence repair made***
46 ***with funds to come from the maintenance account. Mr. Short seconded the motion.***
47 ***A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.***

48 Mr. Short noted he could probably send a picture of the three panels that need to be
49 replaced and would imagine the repair will be less than \$300.

50 Chair Staples reported that the granite post was ordered for the fence on the Newfields end
51 and he asked White's Welding if the pipe could be fixed and they recommended replacing it.
52 He asked the contractor to get another post that needs replacing.

53 Mr. Damsell added that there are two posts missing between Park Street and two more by
54 Sargent's Hill.

55 • **Irrigation Items**

56 The Trustees discussed whether the irrigation system should be repaired now or wait until
57 Fall when seeding is done. They agreed to see how the summer goes and wait to repair it
58 in the Fall.

59 • **Other Business**

60 Mr. Short asked about planting trees by the Academy's temporary housing where there has
61 been a gap left. He recommended Evergreens to soften the lot and noted it looks like a
62 "missing tooth." Chair Staples agreed that he noticed it too. He added that the Trustees
63 talked about having a five-year plan and could go by what was there before. Mr. Short has
64 an electronic copy. They agreed to have a work session to review the plans and see what
65 was originally there and if it will still apply.

66 The Trustees discussed some holes that weren't filled last year where the Ash came down
67 and perhaps getting some compost from the Town so a few places could be loamed and
68 seeded.

69 Chair Staples asked Select Board Representative Papakonstantis for guidance with sending
70 emails under 91-A. Representative Papakonstantis recommended having Mr. Bisson send
71 those emails out for him since their quorum is only two members. If anyone were to
72 accidentally hit reply all, it could be considered a meeting, violating 91-A.

73 • **Public Comment**

74 The Trustees and Select Board Representative thanked Mark Damsell for his help on the
75 day of the tree work.

76 • **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM (tbd)

77 Chair Staples will contact Mr. Thompson to see if June 15th is good for him to meet and
78 noted he will send out the agenda and meeting reminder.

79 • **Adjourn**

80 ***Chair Staples motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***
81 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

82 Respectfully submitted,

83 Daniel Hoijer
84 Recording Secretary
85 (via *ExeterTv.com*)