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Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Meeting Room
June 22, 2022
Approved 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, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson, Dave Short, and
12 Select Board Representative Niko Papakonstantis
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14 • **Public Comment**

15 Chair Staples asked if there were any comments from the public at 5:30 PM.

16 • **Approve Meeting Minutes 5-18-2022**

17 Chair Staples recommended edits.

18 ***Mr. Short motioned to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes as amended. Mr. Thompson***
19 ***seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed***
20 ***unanimously.***

21 • **Events for the month of May**

22 Chair Staples reported on events scheduled for the months of June and July at the Parkway.
23 The Farmer's Market is ongoing through the month of June and July. TEAMS will be hosting
24 concerts in the Park in July and the Recreation Dept. will be hosting movies in the Park in
25 July.

26 Mr. Thompson recommended that event holders with a permit remind patrons that there are
27 no dogs allowed in the Park and the Trustees would appreciate them announcing that at
28 events. Mr. Thompson recommended placing more signs to that effect near the Pavilion to
29 support the Town Ordinance.

30 • **Fence Repair**

31 Mr. Short reported the fence repair was made and he is awaiting the invoice. The granite
32 posts were ordered but the holes were not drilled correctly which has resulted in the posts
33 being replaced and a four-week delay. Chair Staples will follow-up.

34 Mr. Short asked if the broken granite that was left at the site could be pulled out of there.
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36 • **Planting along fence behind Harris Center**

37 Chair Staples reviewed the planting plan behind the Harris Center which had included Elms,
38 White Pine, Gray Dogwood, Viburnum and Coral Berry. There was no sidewalk there in
39 1931.

40 Mr. Short recommended a site walk be scheduled and asked if rather than grinding the
41 stumps the root system could be broken along the sidewalk so as not to disturb the sidewalk
42 and the stumps popped with a backhoe. Mr. Short noted that replanting the area would be
43 more successful if they were not planting on stump ground debris.

44 • **Turf Aeration**

45 Chair Staples recommended areas for aeration. He noted the tree companies did some air
46 spading recently and the entire Parkway was done four years ago by Hillside. He
47 recommended having aeration done from Water Street to the Pavilion on the river side and
48 across from the Pavilion, in the fall and possibly spring.

49 Mr. Short recommended getting costs and availability for the fall, for the next meeting.

50 • **Sewer Project**

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52 Chair Staples reported that he spoke to Matt Berube in the last two weeks and he advised
53 the sewer project has been delayed to late summer/early fall. Chair Staples recommended
54 keeping the mowing company up to date with any road closures.
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56 • **Other Business**

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58 Mr. Thompson thanked the DPW for putting in the additional carry in/carry out and speed
59 bump signs.
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61 Mr. Short reported the top of the Cherry Tree planted for Highland Hardwoods has died and
62 Joe has offered to replace it and take care of watering. Chair Staples noted the memorial
63 tree was planted for Highland Hardwoods and he will reach out to Heather.
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65 • **Public Comment**

66 Select Board Chair Papakonstantis noted that at their May 31st meeting the Select Board
67 expressed its thanks to Mark Damsell, the tree companies and local eateries for their help
68 on the day of the tree work. He noted the Parkway is still a work in progress with the
69 Attorney General and he is meeting with the Town Manager tomorrow and will have an
70 update in time for the next Select Board meeting. He will express the request for additional
71 signage near the Pavilion.
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73 • **Next Meeting:** Site Walk Meeting at Parkway July 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

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75 • **Adjourn**

76 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***
77 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

78 Respectfully submitted,

79 Daniel Hoijer
80 Recording Secretary
81 (via *ExeterTv.com*)