

Town of Exeter

Swasey Parkway Trustee Site Walk Meeting Minutes for 7/20/2022

Approved Minutes

Present: Darius Thompson and Dwane Staples

The meeting started at the Water Street entrance and Mr. Staples open at 5:35 pm. Chair Staples gave an update that the fence repairs were all completed. He also gave an update on the sewer project as he had spoken to the water department and was told that the project would not start until September or October. It would probably run into the spring of 2023. Chair Staples said he had expressed concern about the fall cleanup of the leaves as the project was going to be done in the part of the Parkway with the heaviest leaf drop. The water department will work with the Trustees on this challenge.

The lawn aeration was talked about and with the dry conditions may be put on hold until spring. The next item to be talked about was planting along the fence behind the Harris Center. It was the feeling that there are 5 stumps that should be removed along with 3 existing shrubs. One of the stumps has roots that run under the sidewalk going into the Academy parking lot and it was felt that this stump should be removed and the sidewalk fixed. It was asked if this needed to be ADA required and Chair Staples noted that the entrance coming from the Academy parking lot was not ADA compliant.

The challenge with dogs in the Parkway was discussed and it was decided to look into having a stencil put on the sidewalk entrance with a circle with a dog with a line thru it. It was also discussed to have signage made with the same and put up. There is a sign coming off Water Street on a light pole but it is too high and Mr. Damsell has offered to lower it so to be more visible when entering the Parkway.

Mr. Thompson said that the Exeter Police Department has contacted him about having dogs in the Parkway for the National Night Out event which has been allowed in the past. After some discussion Chair Staples made the motion: To allow the Police service dogs in training in the Parkway for the event called National Night Out and the police department will take care of cleaning up after the dogs on August 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

Next meeting was set for August 24, 2022

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Chair Staples vote passed unanimously. Adjourn 6:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwane Staples, Chairperson