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**Town of Exeter**  
**Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting**  
**Nowak Meeting Room**  
**August 24, 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 and there were  
16 none.

17 • **Approve Meeting Minutes**  
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19 **6-22-2022**

20 *Chair Staples motioned to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes. Mr. Short seconded*  
21 *the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.*

22 **7-30-2022 Site Walk**

23 *Chair Staples motioned to approve the July 30, 2022 minutes. Mr. Thompson*  
24 *seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed*  
25 *unanimously.*

26 • **Planting along fence behind Harris Center**

27 Chair Staples noted planting was discussed at the June meeting and further at the July  
28 meeting and they decided they would like to do a bit more. There are five stumps, three  
29 bushes and an area to clear for planting. There is a large stump beside the sidewalk with  
30 roots going underneath. Mr. Short offered to ask Jay Perkins to remove the stumps.

31 Mr. Thompson asked when the property was last surveyed and if the gate was on the  
32 Parkway Property or Academy property. Mr. Short noted the Academy would probably have  
33 the most recent survey. Chair Staples remembered the Trustees replaced the fence. The  
34 Trustees agreed the sidewalk is relevant and used for Farmer's Market and other events.

35 Mr. Thompson noted the area was adjacent to the playground and recommended not  
36 planting anything that would grow in to thickly. Mr. Short recommended a 6-8' maximum.

37 The Trustees questioned whether the project was feasible this Fall with the lack of rain or if  
38 they should wait til spring. Mr. Papakonstantis noted the water restrictions will likely  
39 continue for several months whether rain comes in the fall or not.

40 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to remove the stumps, prepare the area and check with***  
41 ***DPW...***

42 Mr. Short recommended with no watering available that the project be put off until spring.  
43 Chair Staples recommended get the stump and sidewalk fixed. Mr. Short recommended if  
44 removing one stump the rest may as well be done at the same time.

45 ***Mr. Thompson amended his motion to proceed with preparing the area, remove the***  
46 ***stumps, talk to Jay Perkins and hold off on planting. Mr. Short seconded the motion.***  
47 ***With all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

48 • **Dog Signage Ideas**

49 Chair Staples noted he reached out to a sign company about getting stencils made with a  
50 dog in a circle with a line through it. One existing sign was too high up and was lowered.  
51 Signs should be at all entrances, Water Street, Park Street, the Hill and coming in from  
52 Newfields Road.

53 Mr. Short noted the signs need to be enforced by the Police Department and repeat  
54 offenders issued citations. Mr. Papakonstantis will reach out to the Police Department.

55 • **Turf Aeration**

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57 The Trustees agreed it was too dry to proceed with any turf aeration.  
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59 • **Other Business**

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61 The Trustees and Mr. Papakonstantis reported the National Night Out had a good turnout  
62 and thanked the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Detective Paige. Mr. Thompson extended  
63 thanks to the Buxtons for providing water.  
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65 Mr. Thompson extended thanks to Mark Damsell for all he does in Town and his work  
66 supporting the Parkway and the Trustees.  
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68 • **Next Meeting:** Site Walk Meeting at Parkway September 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM.  
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70 • **Adjourn**

71 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***  
72 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

73 Respectfully submitted,

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