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Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Meeting Room
November 29, 2022
Approved Minutes

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- **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and introduced the members who were present

- **Introductions:**

Present were: Chair Dwane Staples, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Dave Short

- **Public Comment**

Chair Staples asked if there were any comments from the public at 5:00 PM.

- **Open Maintenance Bids for 2023 Season and choose contractor**

Chair Staples reported that the Trustees received two bids. Another bid, from the current contractor, was lost within Town Hall and finally located.

Chair Staples reported that Mr. French's references had all been checked and he got great reviews. Both companies bid \$500 for mowing. Mr. French with Dream Yards LLC bid \$1,000 for spring clean-up and All Natural bid \$1,150. Mr. French with Dream Yards LLC bid \$2,200 for fall clean-up and All Natural bid \$2,500. Mr. French bid \$1,800 for pruning and All Natural bid \$1,950. Mr. Thompson noted the pruning had been separated out in the past.

Mr. Thompson motioned to removed the pruning as a separate item from the current bid. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The Trustees agreed both bids were fair prices and relatively close but the current contractor's work is known, his performance and responsiveness are good and there have been no problems.

Mr. Thompson motioned to accept the bid from All Natural for all but the pruning. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

- **Tree and Shrub Pruning**

Mr. Short reported that he met with the contractor and is waiting for pricing. Chair Staples noted he has not marked anything and will wait until spring but would like to proceed. Jay Short is the contractor.

Mr. Thompson motioned to approve up to \$4,000 for pruning. Chair Staples seconded the motion. Mr. Short recused himself. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 2-0-0.

40 Mr. Short proposed a pricing structure and establishing a relationship going forward after
41 meeting with Will. Having a list of projects and maintenance work to be done when possible
42 and the option for first call when there is something immediate.

43 • **Other Business**

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45 Mr. Short asked about the tree behind the Housing Authority that needs to come down and if
46 the firewood would benefit the Fuel Assistance program in Town for someone that truly
47 needs it. Chair Staples will ask.

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49 Mr. Short reported the granite markers have been set.

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51 Chair Staples reported that Dave's sister emailed to ask about a viewing station for watching
52 eagles and other birds which could be handicapped accessible. It could be located by the
53 flagpole at the outlook which is a prime site for eagle watching and viewing other birds.

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55 Chair Staples will find out if there are any restrictions and let Mr. Short know. She will do the
56 research for funding opportunities if the Trustees want to move forward. The Trustees noted
57 they would always be receptive to hearing ideas such as these.

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59 • **Next Meeting Date:** January 18, 2023

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61 • **Adjourn**

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63 Chair Staples wished everyone Happy Holidays from the Trustees.

64 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***
65 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

66 Respectfully submitted,

67 Daniel Hoijer
68 Recording Secretary
69 (via *ExeterTv.com*)