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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
March 15, 2023
5:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and introduced the members who were Present

2. Introductions:

Present were: Chair Dwane Staples, Dave Short, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Select Board representative Niko Papakonstantis

3. Public Comment

Chair Staples asked if there were any comments from the public at 5:00 PM and there were none.

4. Election Results

Chair Staples congratulated Mr. Short on being re-elected to another term.

The Board agreed to keep its current officers.

Chair Staples reported the citizen's petition passed. Selectman Papakonstantis affirmed that Article 31 had passed and the next step is for it to go back to legal counsel. There would likely be an update at the next Select Board meeting on Monday, March 20th.

Mr. Short recommended whether the Parkway was shut down or one-way that there be a sub-committee to study how things will go, and local expertise could be drawn upon. Selectman Papakonstantis agreed and noted the Select Board will continue to collaborate with the Trustees. The sub-committee can be made up of Board members, Trustees and public works. Mr. Short added that members of the public with expertise could be on the sub-committee.

Mr. Thompson opined that there should be a happy medium to see what works and what doesn't, to slow things down and use the existing space. Mr. Short noted there were also aesthetic considerations.

Chair Staples thanked everyone who came out for elections, especially in the bad weather.

Mr. Thompson noted the new verification process went smoothly. Selectman Papakonstantis explained the new check in process using poll pads which were inexpensive and funded by ARPA. They are safe and not connected to the internet. He noted the software which can

39 be used by the visually impaired and those not visually impaired works well and Exeter is the
40 first town to voluntarily utilize it for a local election. The only other Town using it is Concord.

41 Mr. Thompson thanked everyone who worked on the election.

42 **5. Planting along fence behind Harris Center and Tree and Shrub Pruning**

43 Chair Staples recommended a site walk meeting. He noted shrub pruning has been done.
44 Pruning of big trees still needs to be done. The original landscape plan can be followed with
45 an update so that there are no invasive species and the Trustees could look into projected
46 global warming considerations and provide input and ideas.

47 Mr. Short reported that a resident offered to donate 15 Liberty Elms to the Parkway. There
48 are some spots on the north end that could use more greenery. Chair Staples noted a
49 couple of places across from the pavilion.

50 The Trustees agreed it was a nice offer.

51 **6. Sewer Project**

52 Chair Staples reported there was no construction meeting but he talked to Mr. Vlasich
53 Monday and he said there is currently no timeline and more challenges. The shaft broke
54 after boring the pilot hole which has to then be enlarged. Mr. Vlasich provides updates at the
55 Select Board meetings.

56 Mr. Thompson recommended having survey information and contingencies so that there will
57 be no impacts to the taxpayers financially or the end date. He hoped they are able to consult
58 with colleagues who have run into similar situations.

59 **7. Other Business**

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61 **8. Next Meeting Date**

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63 The next meeting will be on April 19th at 5:00 PM.

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65 **9. Adjourn**

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67 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***
68 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

69 Respectfully submitted,

70 Daniel Hoijer

71 Recording Secretary

72 (via *ExeterTv.com*)