

Town of Exeter

Swasey Parkway Trustee Site Walk Meeting Minutes for 6/21/2023

Draft Minutes

Present: Darius Thompson, Dave Short and Dwane Staples

The meeting started at the Water Street entrance and Mr. Staples open at 5:00 pm. There were no public comments made at this meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Trustee meeting on 5/17/2023 and passed unanimously.

Chair Staples gave an update on the sign for the seal. He had been contacted by Ron Watson from the Seacoast Science Center to install a sign for the purpose to inform the public not to feed the seal. He checks on the seal every day to see if it is in the river and has witnessed people trying to feed the seal. Mr. Staples told the Board that he gave permission to install the sign after hearing of this.

Mr. Thompson presented a sign in regards to no dogs that he is designing. The Trustees agreed that it was a good design and asked Mr. Thompson to move forward with making the sign. The sign will be designed to be painted at the several entrances to the Parkway on the sidewalk in an effort to let people know there no dogs allowed in the Parkway.

The topic of a kiosk came up again and the Trustees decided to pursue this topic again and feel that this would be a good investment to have to inform the public oof the rules and happenings in the Parkway so the Trustees will be moving forward with this.

The Trustees then looked at the area along the fence that borders the Harris Center of PEA. It wa decided to have the stumps ground and then pursue a planting after the siphon project is completed. After some discussion among the Trustees a motion was made by Chair Staples to remove the sidewalk from the fence leading to the PEA parking lot in order to have the old roots ground out and the sidewalk installed again. Seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously after some more discussion.

The Trustees then walked along the turf area to the Pavilion and discussed tree care along that part of the Parkway. It was decided that we would look into treating the ash trees along the river in an effort as a preventative measure for the Emerald Ash Borer. The Trustees felt this should be done in order to try to save these trees early on and are going to look into companies that would treat the trees. The Trustees also targeted some trees to remove and prune once the siphon project is completed.

Next meeting was set for July 19, 2023 back in the Nowak Room

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. Thompson vote passed unanimously. Adjourn 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwane Staples, Chairperson