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**Town of Exeter  
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting  
Wheelwright Room  
February 21, 2024  
5:00 PM  
Approved Minutes**

7 **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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9 Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM and introduced the members who were  
10 present

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12 **2. Introductions:**

13 **Present were:** Chair Dwane Staples, and Dave Short

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15 **Others Present:** Select Board Chair Niko Papakonstantis

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17 **3. Public Comment**

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19 **4. Approval of Minutes**

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21 **i. 1/17/24 Public Meeting Minutes**

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23 Chair Staples recommended an edit.

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25 ***Chair Staples motioned to approve the January 17, 2024 minutes, as amended. Mr. Short***  
26 ***seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed***  
27 ***unanimously 2-0-0.***

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29 **ii. 2/12/24 Joint Meeting with Trustees of Trust Funds – *Tabled***

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31 Chair Staples recapped the meeting with the Trustees of the Trust Funds. He noted they are  
32 earning 5% on the fund and the maintenance costs including taxes and filing is \$1,600. Mr.  
33 Short noted the balance looked healthy.

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35 **5. Request of Drum & Bugle Corp to use Parkway, with Service Dog**

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37 Chair Staples reported he had a request from a Drum & Bugle Corp to use the Parkway in the  
38 area across from the Pavilion sometime at the end of April. He referred them to Parks &  
39 Recreation to fill out the form and pay the associated fees. He noted a request was made for  
40 the director who has a service dog where dogs are not allowed in the Parkway. Select Board  
41 Representative Papakonstantis indicated he talked to the Select Board and Police Department.  
42 Chair Staples and Mr. Short indicated that neither of them had an issue with it. Mr. Short did  
43 indicate however that the grass across from the pavilion is stressed and wondered if they could  
44 use the paved area for practice. The Trustees discussed the start time and the noise ordinance.

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***Chair Staples motioned that after discussions, the Trustees would allow the director to have a service dog present in the Parkway. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed 2-0-0.***

Chair Staples will let them know.

**6. Siphon Project Update**

Chair Staples noted there is an update on the website. The first pilot hole is through, and they will start on the second at the beginning of the week. The project should be finished on approximately June 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Short asked if they are responsible to tie-in to the pump station and Chair Staples indicated they are.

**7. Planting along fence behind Harris Center**

Chair Staples indicated that planting will be discussed in March.

**8. Tree Pruning**

Chair Staples reported that he talked with Will Curtis and he will be back the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> to get the tree work done.

**9. Other Business**

Mr. Short asked about the streetlights being off and Chair Staples explained that it may require a rebuild after the siphon project is done. Mr. Short asked about LED bulbs and Chair Staples indicated that has already been done.

**10.. Next Meeting Date**

Chair Staples indicated the next meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Adjourn**

***Chair Staples motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Daniel Hoijer  
Recording Secretary  
(via *ExeterTv.com*)