

**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
September 17, 2025
5:00 PM
Draft 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, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson (electronically) and Dave Short

Others Present:

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment, outside of agenda items.

4. Approval of Minutes

August 20, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes

Mr. Short motioned to approve the August 20, 2025 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

5. Coastal Resiliency Update

Mr. Thompson reported that they meet the third Monday of the month and last met Monday to discuss recommendations and a survey to stakeholders and a public meeting to get feedback. They discussed mitigating Sea Level Rise and addressing the impacts of 3-5/10-year, 10-20 year and 100 year storm.

6. Lawn Area in Front of Fence at Pump Station

Chair Staples reported that the lawn area work in front of the fence by the Pump Station will be delayed due to drought and water restrictions until spring.

7. Update on Turn Around – Input from Public

The Trustees reported no public input was received on the turn around this month.

45 **8. Tree Pruning and removal/Unitil recommendations**

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47 Mr. Short reported that he met with Unitil representatives and had a walk yesterday from the
48 triangle at Summer Street north to the big open field. Significant trees will be left alone, the
49 large birch will be pruned and the large oak and another oak, they will limb the branches over
50 the wires. They will remove shrub size under 12' and saplings in for about 10-15.' There are
51 three or four large white pines that are a hazard to the main feeder lines and those will likely be
52 removed.

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54 **9. Block Building**

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56 Chair Staples reported that he checked on the receptacles. The GFI was blown and he fixed
57 that. He checked the inside breaker and shut that off and let Greg Bisson know, who indicated
58 they don't use it. He noted the 2'x6' on the garage door to the left is kind of opened up and
59 someone should look at it and fill in the left side. Mr. Thompson will take a look at it and touch
60 up the paint.

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62 **10. Landscape Maintenance Bid Specifications**

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64 Chair Staples recommended changing #3 mowing, as to weather permitting and eliminating
65 Thursday. He noted the standard height is 2.5" and they could keep that or leave it up to the
66 contractor. They will usually raise the height in the summer months. He indicated that he did
67 not want to leave it up to the contractor whether to mow, or not, the Trustees should decide.
68 The Bid Specifications will be put out in November. Mr. Thompson indicated he would take a
69 look at it before the next meeting.

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71 **11. Other Business**

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73 Chair Staples thanked the Tree Committee for their work and reported that the big birch is
74 certified now to be the biggest in New Hampshire. Dave Martin is working with UNH on
75 cataloguing. The Trustees can get a placard for the tree for \$20. Mr. Thompson recommended
76 reaching out to ExeterTV. Chair Staples recommended involving the Tree Committee. Mr.
77 Short noted they could do a segment on the Tree Committee. Chair Staples noted the tree had
78 been chained off, air spaded and cabled. Chair Staples recommended bringing the photograph
79 of the tree as a sapling. Mr. Thompson noted the gentleman who donated the chain offered
80 more.

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82 Mr. Short discussed the tree behind the Housing Authority that needs to come down, along with
83 a small and large maple, and pruning for the oak trees. Chair Staples noted the ash tree and
84 other trees with green ribbons. Mr. Thompson will look at those.

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86 Chair Staples discussed the plum tree which was donated by a family in memory of their son
87 who passed. Friends got together and replaced it the second time. The Trustees indicated they
88 would replace it.

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90 **12. Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2025**

91 **13. Adjourn**

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93 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***
94 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

95 Respectfully submitted,

96 Daniel Hoijer

97 Recording Secretary

98 (via *ExeterTv.com*)