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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
January 21, 2026
5:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

7 **Members Present:** Chair Dwane Staples, Vice-Chair Dave Short, and Darius Thompson

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9 **Others Present:** Select Board Representative Niko Papakonstantis

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11 **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

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16 **2. Public Comment**

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18 There was no public comment, outside of agenda items.

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20 **3. Approval of Minutes**

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22 **November 19, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes**

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24 Chair Staples recommended an edit to line 85.

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26 ***Chair Staples motioned to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes, as amended. Mr.***
27 ***Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed***
28 ***unanimously 3-0-0.***

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30 **4. Coastal Resiliency Update – Public Meeting 12/1/2025 at SST, 40 Linden Street**
31 **6-8 PM**

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33 Mr. Short noted that approximately 80 people attended the meeting and survey, and other
34 information were collected. They are scheduled to meet next Monday and Mr. Thompson noted
35 he believed there will be another one and will confirm the date.

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37 **5. Ambrose Swasey Trust Fund**

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39 Chair Staples noted that the \$312,000 in funds were moved to the Trust Fund as noted in the
40 November minutes, but there is still a question on disbursement. Select Board Representative
41 Papakonstantis noted he was at the meeting a couple of weeks ago, they gave an overview of
42 how things were doing, and he did not think the disbursement was discussed.

45 **6. Other Business**

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47 **A. Block Building**

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49 Mr. Thompson asked about the mural at the last meeting and wondered if there could be a
50 mural contest. Chair Staples noted he got clarification the building is town owned and the
51 Trustees help with repairs. Select Board Representative Papakonstantis will look into the policy
52 of art on town buildings.

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54 Mr. Thompson noted there were security lights. Mr. Short noted they were not on one night and
55 hoped there was no timer issue. Chair Staples will touch base with Jeff Beck.

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57 **B. Fall Cleanup**

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59 Mr. Short noted that he did not think since fall cleanup was not able to be done due to early
60 snow that the Trustees should be paying for both a spring and fall cleanup together, perhaps
61 50%. He will talk to the contractor.

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63 **C. 250th Celebration**

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65 Chair Staples asked if anything was planned for the Parkway for the 250th Celebration and
66 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis noted there is a festival committee and understood
67 that TEAM is working with the museum and there may be food trucks.

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69 Mr. Short noted that Raynes Farm is having an art show. Mr. Thompson noted that Kathy did a
70 wonderful watercolor of Raynes. Chair Staples asked if the Trustees could get a schedule of
71 events.

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73 **D. Terms**

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75 Mr. Thompson noted that if any member's term is up in March he would encourage they file their
76 intent and run again. Select Board Representative Papakonstantis noted that filing opens today
77 and they will have until next Friday to file.

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79 **7. Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2026 at 5 PM.**

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81 **8. Adjourn**

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83 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***
84 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

85 Respectfully submitted,

86 Daniel Hoijer
87 Recording Secretary

88 (via *ExeterTv.com*)