

1 **Town of Exeter**
2 **Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting**
3 **Nowak Room**
4 **May 20, 2026**
5 **5:00 PM**
6 **Draft 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

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15 **2. Public Comment**

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17 **3. Approval of Minutes**

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19 **March 18, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes**

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21 *Mr. Short motioned to approve the March 18, 2026 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the*
22 *motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*

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24 **April 15, 2026 Site Walk Minutes**

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26 *Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the April 15, 2026 site walk minutes. Mr. Short*
27 *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**

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32 Mr. Thompson reported that the final report will be at the joint meeting with the Select Board at a
33 date to be determined. Mr. Short requested that a draft of the proposal be provided prior to that
34 meeting.

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36 **5. Sewer Project in Parkway**

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38 Chair Staples indicated that he talked to Steve Dilton and the tanks are being pumped out.

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40 **6. Pedestrians in road with two-way traffic**

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42 Chair Staples reported there are issues with people walking in the middle of the road where
43 there is two-way traffic and not moving out of the way so traffic can go. As a result words are
44 being exchanged and signs have been requested. Mr. Short noted people are not paying

45 attention. Select Board Representative Papakonstantis asked how often this was happening
46 and Chair Staples indicated that he knew of a couple of times. Chair Staples noted this pattern
47 has been this way two years in November.

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49 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis stated that he would talk to Melissa about getting
50 the word out multiple ways on social media. Chair Staples indicated that the Trustees would try
51 those avenues first but hate to put up signs for common sense.

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53 **7. Birch Tree Event**

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55 Chair Staples indicated the event was well attended.

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57 **8. Fence Estimates**

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59 Mr. Thompson obtained two estimates from AAA fence for repair or replacement. The price to
60 repair damaged sections with the same materials is \$3,800. The price for replacement with
61 similar height and upgraded thickness to eight gauge is \$95,000. He noted that AAA fence
62 questioned who owns the fence where the finished side is facing out because typically the
63 property owners put the fence good side out but that may not be the case. Mr. Thompson will
64 connect with Doug Eastman to see who owns the fence. Mr. Damsell stated that he believes
65 the fence along the Parkway belongs to the Parkway.

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67 Chair Staples questioned if AAA is the company the town uses or if there were records of
68 expenditures. Mr. Thompson will ask Greg. Chair Staples indicated he did not think the fence
69 needs to be replaced entirely.

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71 **9. Other Business**

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73 Mr. Thompson thanked Will Curtis for his advice and help with taking down the locust tree and
74 to DPW for helping with clean up.

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76 **10. Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2026**

77 **11. Adjourn**

78 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM. Mr. Thompson seconded the***
79 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

80 Respectfully submitted,

81 Daniel Hoijer

82 Recording Secretary