

**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
June 17, 2026
5:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

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

Others Present: Select Board Representative Niko Papakonstantis

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Mark Damsell thanked the Trustees for what they do for the town and park. He thanked Stratham Circle Nursery for their donations of mulch and bushes and flowers and Agway for the mulch donation. He thanked Arjay's Hardware Store who donated stain for the benches and Exeter Lumber for donating two by fours. He thanked Tom Moroz for helping with stumps, compost, plantings and watering.

3. Approval of Minutes

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Chair Staples recommended an edit to Line 38.

Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the May 20, 2026 minutes, as amended. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

4. Coastal Resiliency

Chair Staples summarized the meeting with the Select Board Monday night. Kristen Murphy and Nick Messing presented. The Trustees decided they need more data before doing anything further and he noted NH DES has new standards for SLR (Sea Level Rise). He noted concerns with infrastructure beneath the Parkway.

Mr. Short asked if the decision to resist or retreat had been made. Chair Staples noted it was still to be determined. He will reach out to Kristen Murphy the Town Manager and put it in the CIP for awareness.

5. Sewer Project in Parkway

Chair Staples reported the project is done for the moment. Mr. Short noted there should be seeding this fall.

6. Pedestrians in road with two-way traffic

Chair Staples reported that he hasn't heard anything more so it appears to have calmed down.

7. Birch Tree Event

Chair Staples indicated Eileen Flockhart sent an email about the event.

8. Fence Estimates

Mr. Thompson spoke to Doug Eastman and questioned if the Parkway has been surveyed. He asked if it made sense to have it surveyed.

Mr. Thompson motioned to survey the entrance to the Parkway along the fence.

Mr. Short noted surveying isn't cheap and recommended approaching property owners to see if they had anything. Mr. Thompson noted he can look at tax maps and try to find the pins.

Mr. Thompson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Thompson will get another estimate.

9. Other Business

Mr. Short addressed comments concerning cracks in the sidewalk along the river and talked to Johnny Bell but he advised that with so much clay it will only happen again.

Chair Staples noted Doug Eastman would like another no dog sign on the other side. He will talk to Jay Perkins. Joe Morose discussed work on the trees near his bench. Mr. Short will take a look.

10. Next Meeting Date: July 15, 2026

11. Adjourn

Mr. Thompson 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