

**Town of Exeter  
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting  
Nowak Room  
August 19, 2026  
5:00 PM  
Draft Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chair Dwane Staples, Dave Short, Darius Thompson

**Others Present:**

**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 reported some issues with mowing/whipping on Water Street. He will show photos to the Trustees.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**July 15, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes**

*Chair Staples motioned to approve the July 15, 2026 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*

**June 17, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes - Correction**

Chair Staples recommended another edit.

*Chair Staples motioned to approve the June 17, 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**

**5. Sewer Project in Parkway**

Chair Staples noted that the area needs seeding but that has been put off until after the event in October due to the water restriction.

45 **6. Fence Estimates**

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47 Mr. Thompson noted the estimate provided by Brentwood Fence to replace the fence and  
48 straighten the post, which was \$56,000. Mr. Short noted he was not in favor of replacing the  
49 fence, just certain sections because he could not justify the cost. He indicated that it could last  
50 many more years. Mr. Thompson disagreed and noted that it made more sense to repair it now.  
51 Chair Staples noted a rough estimate of \$3,500 to repair the section. Mr. Thompson reviewed  
52 the earlier estimate which was now older and stated it was \$3,855 and would cost more to do it  
53 later. Mr. Short noted that with the coastal resilience study results coming it was best to hear  
54 their recommendations first and was not worth it aesthetically.

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56 ***Chair Staples motioned to spend up to \$4,000 to repair the fence from the quote obtained***  
57 ***earlier of \$3,855. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the***  
58 ***motion passed unanimously.***

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60 Mr. Thompson will contact them.

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62 **7. Tree Pruning as pointed out by Darius**

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64 Mr. Thompson identified limbs of an Oak tree that were dead about 25-30' high. The Trustees  
65 decided it would be best to reach out to Will and ask him to check that before the Chilli Fest and  
66 the canopies of the other three Oaks and get an estimate on air spading all of them. Chair  
67 Staples recommended spreading wood chips at the base afterward.

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69 **8. Other Business**

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71 **9. Next Meeting Date: September 16, 2026**

72 **10. Adjourn**

73 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***  
74 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

75 Respectfully submitted,

76 Daniel Hoijer  
77 Recording Secretary