

**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
September 16, 2026
5:00 PM
Draft Minutes**

Members Present: Chair Dwane Staples, Dave Short, 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

3. Approval of Minutes

August 19, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes

Mr. Short motioned to approve the August 19, 2026 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

4. Sewer Project in Parkway

Chair Staples noted seeding would be done after the Chili fest.

5. Fence Repair

Mr. Thompson noted he is waiting for confirmation of a scheduled date.

6. Tree Pruning as pointed out by Darius

Chair Staples noted the work was done and he has received an invoice. Mr. Short stated that the concerns appear to be addressed. Mr. Thompson will take a look.

7. Bench Conservation

Chair Staples reported that he had a request for a memorial bench and shared the information that there is a moratorium on new benches but may be the ability to add a name to a bench being replaced so that both names would appear but the requestor was not interested. Chair Staples noted issues will contacting family members and questioned putting something on

social media. There are several names on a waiting list. Mark Damsell offered to do work on the Olive Tardiff bench himself. Mr. Thompson questioned if when the benches were purchased if there was any agreement as to their being in perpetuity. Chair Staples questioned how Recreation does it and recommended coming up with a plan to present to the Select Board but would like the families to contact the trustees.

8. Asked about a butterfly/pollinator garden

Chair Staples indicated that he was asked if the trustees would put in a pollinator garden. Mr. Short asked if they were willing to maintain it, or whether they could get someone to. The Trustees questioned if the Tree Committee may have an interest and Mr. Short will reach out to Kristen Murphy. Mr. Thompson asked about location and Chair Staples recommended along Norris Brook where they did the restoration planting and will take a look. Mr. Thompson recommended asking the garden club. Mr. Damsell noted water could be a problem but offered to help with clean up and noted there are a lot of invasives. Chair Staples noted they need to be careful with the vegetation that is holding the banks.

9. Other Business

Chair Staples noted they will go out to bid for November 18th and meet at 4 PM.

10. Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2026

11. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hoijer
Recording Secretary