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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
March 20, 2024
5:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

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1. Call Meeting to Order

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

13 **Present were:** Chair Dwane Staples, and Dave Short

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15 **Others Present:** Select Board Chair Niko Papakonstantis

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3. Public Comment

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19 Mark Damsell requested to clean up the entrance by the garden on the left and cut the grasses
20 around the pavilion. He noted the Welcome to Exeter boulder needs cleaning and requested to
21 reach out to the monument people. Chair Staples indicated approval.

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4. Approval of Minutes

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i. 2/21/24 Public Meeting Minutes

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27 ***Chair Staples motioned to approve the February 21, 2024 minutes. Mr. Short seconded***
28 ***the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.***

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5. Request of Drum & Bugle Corp to use Parkway for practice

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32 Chair Staples reported the Drum & Bugle Corp have decided not to use the Parkway.

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6. Request of Boy Scouts to have Black Hawk Helicopter in Parkway

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36 Chair Staples presented a request by the Boy Scouts to have a Black Hawk Helicopter in the
37 Parkway that people can come and see. Chair Staples questioned how big an area it would
38 need to be and was told about the size of a football field. Mr. Short noted there would need to
39 be parking control. Select Board Chair Papakonstantis indicated if a police detail were required
40 the Boy Scouts would need to pay any fees for that. Chair Staples noted they would need to go
41 through the permitting process with Parks & Recreation but so long as all requirements were
42 met, he had no objection.

44 ***Chair Staples motioned that the Trustees had no objection to the request so long as***
45 ***requirements are met. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in***
46 ***favor, the motion passed 2-0-0.***

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48 **7. Siphon Project Update**

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50 Chair Staples reported that he understood the project was on schedule for completion in mid-
51 June or beginning of July.

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53 **8. Other Business**

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55 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis requested the Trustees meet with the Select
56 Board sometime in April, on the 15th or 29th and have DPW, Police and Fire there. He would like
57 to see a few different options for the Parkway turnaround, have three public hearings and get
58 input from the public. Mr. Short recommended three turnaround spaces on the drive to the
59 Block House. He noted the area is not flooded with cars when there is an event it is closed. He
60 recommended a simple, cheap and low-impact solution. Mr. Short recommended focus on the
61 gate so that it is aesthetic and functional.

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63 Chair Staples will reach out to Mr. Thompson with the proposed dates.

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65 Mr. Short noted there is an area by the boathouse sidewalk where a chunk of concrete/rebar is
66 sticking out and he would be concerned about someone walking with open footwear getting
67 hurt. Chair Staples will remove it. Mr. Short recommended fertilizing the Japanese Holly.

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69 Chair Staples expressed concerns about people climbing on the birch tree and noted he will fix
70 the fence and recommended placing a couple of signs on the fence.

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72 **9. Planting along fence behind Harris Center**

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74 Chair Staples recommended having a workshop meeting to discuss the plantings. Mr. Short
75 offered to order and deliver them at no charge. Select Board Representative Papakonstantis
76 noted that the Tree Committee has a list of native plantings.

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78 **10.. Next Meeting Date**

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80 Chair Staples indicated the next Trustee's meeting will be on April 17th.

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82 **11. Adjourn**

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84 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM. Chair Staples seconded the***
85 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

86 Respectfully submitted,

87 Daniel Hoijer

88 Recording Secretary

89 (via *ExeterTv.com*)