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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
May 15, 2024
5:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

7 **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

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12 **2. Introductions:**

13 **Present were:** Chair Dwane Staples, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Dave Short
14 **Others Present:** Select Board Chair Niko Papakonstantis

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16 **3. Election of Officers**

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18 *Mr. Thompson motioned to nominate Dwane Staples as Chair. Mr. Short seconded the*
19 *motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.*

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21 *Mr. Short motioned to nominate Darius Thompson as Vice-Chair. Mr. Staples seconded*
22 *the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.*

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24 **4. Public Comment**

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26 **5. Approval of Minutes**

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28 **March 20, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes**

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30 *Chair Staples motioned to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded*
31 *the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*

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33 **6. Siphon Project Update**

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35 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis provided an update to the siphon project by
36 reading a memo from Paul Vlasich the Town Engineer. On May 2nd drilling was done with a
37 paddle bit, on May 7th the Mill side was reached. On May 8th the bit was unsuccessfully
38 adjusted and the exploratory probe removed. The Mill side was bored with a rock bit and the
39 hole was reamed. Boring continued until the Swasey side was reached. There was a meeting
40 with abutters to update them.

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42 Chair Staples asked about scheduling and it was noted there would be posting on the webpage.
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44 Mr. Short asked about tightening up the equipment and storage area, which keeps growing.
45 Representative Papakonstantis will follow up.

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47 **7. Planting along fence behind Harris Center**

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49 Mr. Short noted that he had put aside some winter viburnums for planting after construction and
50 he will work with Mr. Staples to plant those earlier, if they are able.

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52 **8. Flooding and watering diapers**

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54 Chair Staples noted that some of the watering diapers were picked up and others were filled
55 with brackish water.

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57 The Trustees discussed Mr. Thompson's recommendation to use peat. Mr. Short noted the
58 volume of water is so great. Chair Staples discussed Ms. Murphy's suggestion about opening
59 the lagoon.

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61 **9. Cleaning rock at end of Parkway**

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63 Mr. Damsell reported that he reached out to Headstone Pros, LLC. regarding power washing
64 the Exeter monument stone and they said they would do it for free and clean the plaque too.

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66 ***Mr. Short motioned to agree to the proposal. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A***
67 ***vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

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69 The Trustees extended their thanks to Stan and Headstone Pros., LLC. Chair Staples will write
70 a thank you note and forward it to the Select Board. Maybe something could be put on
71 ExeterTV. Mr. Damsell provided their address and phone number: 16 Kingston Road, Unit 3 –
72 (603) 770-1404, and said he would get a before and after picture.

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74 **10. Other Business**

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76 Representative Papakonstantis noted that the Trustees would be invited to a Select Board
77 meeting to discuss design options. The 28th won't work but another meeting will be scheduled
78 in June.

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80 Mr. Thompson thanked Mark Damsell for his skill and expertise volunteering his time to work on
81 the garden at the side of the entrance to the Parkway.

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83 Mr. Thompson will do the second coat of paint on the no dogs signs.

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85 Chair Staples reported that he took care of the bolts that were sticking up from the old lamp
86 post.

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88 **11. Next Meeting Date**

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90 Chair Staples indicated the next Trustee's meeting will be on June 19, 2024.

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92 **12. Adjourn**

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94 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***

95 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

96 Respectfully submitted,

97 Daniel Hoijer

98 Recording Secretary

99 (via *ExeterTv.com*)