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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Wheelright Room
June 12, 2024
5:00 PM
Draft 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. Public Comment**

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18 There was no public comment.

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20 **4. Approval of Minutes**

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22 **May 15, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes**

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24 *Chair Staples motioned to approve the May 15, 2024 minutes. Mr. Thompson seconded*
25 *the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*
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27 **5. Siphon Project Update**

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29 Chair Staples indicated that he talked to Andrew Bartel for an update. The pipe is through, and
30 the big drilling machines and trailer have been taken away leaving a lot more room down there.
31 They are working on the underground structures.

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33 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis indicated he talked to Public Works today and they
34 will start the Swasey side next week. He will keep the Trustees and permit holders informed.
35 They will decommission the existing structures in July and begin site restoration. The project
36 should be complete mid-August.

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38 Mr. Thompson congratulated the team for the work on the project and for sticking with it.

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40 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis agreed and thanked the people for showing up to
41 vote, the abutters for putting up with the noise, the Trustees for their patience and commended
42 Paul Vlasich for serving as interim public works director for the 13 months of the project, his
43 good work on the project and cost.
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45 Mr. Thompson recommended ExeterTV put together a recorded documentary of the challenges
46 they faced.

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48 **6. Planting at fence behind Harris Center**

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50 Chair Staples indicated he will reach out to get the planting done over the next few weeks.

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52 **7. Cleaning rock at end of Parkway**

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54 Chair Staples reported that Mark Damsell texted saying that the rock has been cleaned. Chair
55 Staples will write a thank you note. Mr. Short drove by and said it looks good.

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57 **8. Other Business**

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- 59 • DES Coastal Resilience Grant Letter

60 Chair Staples indicated that he signed the recommendation letter provided by Conservation
61 & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy. The grant will help them study the future of the
62 Parkway.

63 Mr. Short asked about the information provided by David at Northeast Shade Tree
64 concerning the product used to mitigate damage with flooding through as soil conditioning
65 product. Chair Staples will review the proposal and revisit it at the next meeting.

- 66 • Mr. Short noted the mowing issues were resolved, the fence line and the spots missed
67 under the benches where people were sitting while the mowing was being done. He
68 noted people won't move when they are mowing. They moved the orange silt fence out
69 of the way to move. He walked it tonight and it looks good.

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- 71 • Mr. Thompson will refresh the no dogs sign.

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- 73 • Select Board Representative Papakonstantis reported that the Select Board publicly
74 acknowledged Mark Damsell at the beginning of their meeting for all the good work he
75 has been doing for a number of years.

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- 77 • Mr. Thompson asked when the Trustees would be having another joint meeting with the
78 Select Board. Select Board Representative Papakonstantis indicated likely August but
79 they could decide at the July meeting.

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- 81 • Mr. Thompson extended his thanks and gratitude to all of the fathers and grandfathers
82 for everything they do to make a better community and a better world.

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84 **9. Next Meeting Date**

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86 Chair Staples indicated the next Trustee's meeting will be on July 17, 2024.

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89 **10. Adjourn**

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91 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***
92 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

93 Respectfully submitted,

94 Daniel Hoijer
95 Recording Secretary
96 (via *ExeterTv.com*)