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**Town of Exeter  
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting  
Wheelright Room  
July 17, 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, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Dave Short  
14 **Others Present:**  
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**3. Public Comment**

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18 There was no public comment.  
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**4. Approval of Minutes**

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22 **June 12, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes**

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24 *Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes. Mr. Short seconded the*  
25 *motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.*  
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**5. Siphon Project Update**

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29 Chair Staples indicated that the equipment is out of the road and the road is clear. There are a  
30 couple of pieces on the sewer treatment side. The tie-in is finished but he is not sure about the  
31 other side of the river. Mr. Short indicated it should be finished by next month and will be  
32 connected to be tested first.  
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**.6. Planting at fence behind Harris Center**

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36 Chair Staples indicated the bushes will be planted along the fence.  
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**7. Other Business**

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  - DES Coastal Resilience Grant

41 Chair Staples indicated that the grant was awarded and that Kristen Murphy did a good job  
42 with that. The grant will be on the Select Board's agenda on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chair Staples will try  
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- No dogs signs

Chair Staples thanked Mr. Thompson for refreshing the signs. He reported feedback that there may be too many so maybe when they paint them again they will not need as many. Mr. Thompson noted it goes both ways. He got many thanks for putting the signs in. He reminded that the road is now a part of the Parkway now.

- Sudden Limb Drop

Chair Staples reported that a large limb fell off the first big Oak Tree at the entrance from Water Street. DPW cleaned it up. There did not appear to be any rot and there was no wind that day. Chair Staples experienced a similar incident at a client's property when a Maple tree dropped a large limb with no rot and no wind. He learned there is a phenomenon known as sudden limb drop that can happen when it is very hot without warning. Trees will loose leaves or lessen their canopy in response to the heat. There is no warning, not all trees will loose leaves first. Chair Staples noted the Oak Tree appears to be okay otherwise.

- Police Dog Event

Mr. Thompson will check with Detective Paige to see when the police dog event is.

- Barricades

Mr. Thompson reminded that vendors need to be certain to replace barricades so that vehicles are not driving in the Parkway when it is full of people. The Farmer's Market will park so that they can pull straight out with trailers on Water Street end.

- Benches

The benches in the Parkway can use some touching up. Mr. Thompson will reach out to Lang Plumer to see if the Lion's Club will help with staining the benches again.

- Trash

Mr. Thompson reminded that the Parkway is not a trash receptacle and trash is carry in/carry out.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

Chair Staples indicated the next Trustee's meeting will be on August 20, 2024 if scheduling allows. He will check with Pam.

80 **9. Adjourn**

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82 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***  
83 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

84 Respectfully submitted,

85 Daniel Hoijer

86 Recording Secretary

87 (via *ExeterTv.com*)