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**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Wheelright Room
August 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, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Dave Short
14 **Others Present:** Select Board Representative Niko Papakonstantis

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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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July 17, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes

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24 ***Mr. Short motioned to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes. Mr. Thompson 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

29 Chair Staples reported that he received a text about the hydroseeding being done. Mr. Short
30 noted that he drove by and it looks good. Chair Staples noted that he met with Wright Pierce a
31 couple of weeks ago concerning loam and seeding outside of the big area in front of the fence.
32 The Trustees recommended the area being reseeded be fenced off. Chair Staples will reach
33 out to Greg. Chair Staples indicated that the contractor will come back and reseed if it doesn't
34 come up.

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.6. Planting at fence behind Harris Center

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38 Chair Staples indicated he will work with Mr. Short on the planting.
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7. Bench Refinishing

42 Mr. Thompson reported that he discussed the benches with Langdon Plumer and the Lions Club
43 will meet in the fall. Mr. Thompson will reach out to Mark and see if RJs can give any break on
44 the cost.

45 Chair Staples noted that Heather Lang of Highland Hardwoods reached out to let the Trustees
46 know they had purchased a cover for the teak bench and would like to leave it out for the winter.
47 The Trustees had no issue with that. Chair Staples will let them know.

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49 **8. Other Business**

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- 51 • Chili Fest

52 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis indicated that the Select Board approved
53 the permit for the Chili Fest which will take place on Saturday, October 5th. The Parkway
54 will be closed from 7-8.

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- 56 • Dogs Not Allowed in the Parkway

57 Mr. Thompson reminded that there are no dogs in the Parkway and that per RSA there
58 is a \$1,200 fine for impersonating a service animal.

- 59 • Barricades left open after Farmer's Market

60 Chair Staples reported that the barricades were left open after the Farmer's Market and
61 a car shot through there. He reminded everyone to please respect that the road is
62 closed.

- 63 • Broken fence post

64 Chair Staples reached out to the contractor who worked on the fence before about
65 having the broken post replaced. He noted the posts and holes are an odd size and
66 need to be bored out.

- 67 • Lighting

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69 Chair Staples will reach out to Jeff Beck to see about getting the lamp posts working
70 now that the siphon project is finished.

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73 **9. Next Meeting Date**

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75 Select Board Representative Papakonstantis asked if the Trustees would be interested in
76 attending a joint meeting with the Select Board on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 PM. The
77 Trustees requested a preview of the ideas that the Town Manager has been working on with
78 staff and indicated they would like to attend.

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80 **10. Adjourn**

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82 ***Mr. Short motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. Mr. Thompson 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*)