

**Town of Exeter  
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting  
Nowak Room  
January 15, 2025  
5:00 PM  
Draft Minutes**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Introductions:**

**Present were:** Chair Dwane Staples, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson and Dave Short

**Others Present:** Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Representative

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**November 20, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes**

***Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the November 20, 2024 minutes. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.***

**5. Update on Turn Around and Input received from public**

Chair Staples reported that the gates have been installed and someone questioned the location on a public forum and the response was that it was for safety reasons so that vehicles don't get too close to the bandstand during events. He noted that Kyle Welch commented that he thought the turnaround was well designed.

Chair Staples asked if something could be put on the event sheet so that when the gates are locked people will know who to contact. Mr. Papakonstantis indicated that Parks & Recreation can revise the event sheet. Chair Staples will contact Greg. Chair Staples will send the code to the lock box to the other trustees.

Mr. Thompson noted he was pleased to see the reflective tape on the gates. He noted that he observed if three cars were parking it would be a tight squeeze to turn around but spaces have not been marked yet.

45 **6. Tree & Shrub Pruning**

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47 Chair Staples expressed concerns with the high winds a couple of weeks ago and observed a  
48 car on Hampton Road being towed away with a broken windshield. Not wanting that to happen  
49 in the Parkway, he asked if Will could go down and evaluate the health of the trees and see if  
50 any pruning needs to be done. Mr. Short will get ahold of Will.

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52 **7. Plans for the upcoming year**

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54 Chair Staples noted that people were bringing dogs into the Parkway from the Newfields end  
55 and wondered if the signage was enough or more should be added. Mr. Thompson will add two  
56 more signs on the sidewalk and roadway near the Newfields gate when the weather warms up.

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58 Chair Staples noted shrubs could be planted behind the Academy daycare area and something  
59 should be planted near the expanse of fence where the siphon project had been, to soften  
60 things up.

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62 Mr. Short will talk to the Tree Committee about adding two replacement trees to replace the  
63 ornamental pear and maple that were removed.

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65 The Trustees discussed the proposed water refill station and cost of providing water.

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67 **8. Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2025**

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69 Chair Staples will ask Conservation & Sustainability Planner Kristen Murphy if she would come  
70 to the next meeting to talk about coastal resiliency.

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72 Mt. Thompson wished everything a happy New Year.

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74 **9. Adjourn**

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76 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***  
77 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

78 Respectfully submitted,

79 Daniel Hoijer  
80 Recording Secretary  
81 (via *ExeterTv.com*)