

Mission Statement: To create within the downtown area of Torrington a first-class Horticultural Oasis in accordance with and strict adherence to the Coe Godfrey Benefactors and the Coe Family Trust

Coe Memorial Park Committee Minutes  
July 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Marc Trivella. In attendance were Marc Trivella, Lori Chiron, Mark McEachern and Judy Addazio. Mary Zbell was absent.

Minutes of the meeting of June 21 were approved on a motion made by Mark McEachern and seconded by Lori Chiron.

Park Operations: The Superintendent's Report was duly noted by the Committee. A brief discussion regarding the garden ornament in the Civil War Monument planting bed led to a **motion** by Mark McEachern, seconded by Lori Chiron, to request that the ornament be removed as the Committee feels it does not suit the formality and dignity of the Monument.

Other items that were discussed included a previous Committee request to plant vinca where a path has been worn outside of the kitchen door; and, a reminder that the carriage house bushes should be removed and relocated in the fall. It was also noted, in response to a question that Marc received, that we are happy with the new trees that have been planted.

Lastly, Marc received a note from Margaret Keywan's family expressing their appreciation for the Idea of adding plantings to a garden bed in memory of Margaret. We hope that the \$60.00 memorial donation received by Park and Rec can be used to defray the cost of a perennial.

Old Business: The TPD Community Outreach Station is now open.

Regarding Coe family portraits owned by the Torrington Historical Society, Mark McEachern noted that the oil portraits cannot be removed from the museum and must be photographed on-site. Mark also informed the Committee that the Historical Society role in providing the copies must be acknowledged when the portraits are installed at the Civic Center.

Marc Trivella has received an estimate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 strip, polish and glaze all of the bronze plaques in the park. Work on the boulder plaque can be done separately for approximately \$2,500. Mark McEachern made a **motion**, seconded by Lori Chiron, to proceed with the restoration of the boulder plaque once a firm price has been provided by the vendor and to utilize the capital fund to pay for the restoration work.

The Committee has previously noted the need to establish a sign policy for the park. Marc Trivella will contact Boston Public Garden to ask about their policy.

A **motion** was made by Mark McEachern, seconded by Lori Chiron, to request that Michael Boe be commissioned to provide a scale drawing and specifications of proposed finials for the carriage house cupola.

Marc Trivella will invite Lori Stickney to a future meeting to discuss ideas for perennials to be planted in memory of Margaret Keywan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm on a motion by Lori Chiron, seconded by Mark McEachern.

Respectfully submitted,  
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