

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
June 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Marc Trivella. In attendance were Marc Trivella, Mary Zbell, Lori Chiron, Mark McEachern and Judy Addazio. Also present were Torrington Park and Recreation Chairwoman Patty Fairchild and Chief Michael Maniago of the Torrington Police Department.

Minutes of the meeting of May 17 were approved on a motion made by Lori Chiron and seconded by Mark McEachern.

Patty Fairchild and Chief Maniago extended condolences to the Committee on the death of Margaret Keywan, a long-time and well-loved member of the Committee.

Park Operations: The Superintendent's Report was duly noted by the Committee.

Old Business: Marc Trivella noted that John Ciesco informed him that the bronze All Wars Memorial plaque has been inspected by the firm that did work at Hillside Cemetery and an estimate should be forthcoming soon.

Marc Trivella also noted that Mark McEachern led him to Historical Society-owned oil portraits of Lyman and Eliza Coe. Marc will investigate the cost to reproduce and frame the portraits in order to mount them in the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center Auditorium.

The question regarding a \$1,200.00 Tremco expense is still open. Patty Fairchild said she would look into that and provide a response to the Committee.

New Business: Chief Maniago reported on the room to be utilized as the TPD Community Outreach Station. He noted that the floor has been replaced and furniture is in but he is waiting for Frontier to connect telephone and internet services. The Chief shared a picture of a proposed sign to be installed street-side near the entrance to the parking lot. There was considerable discussion regarding the color and design of the sign and whether the Committee had even agreed to a sign anywhere other than the entrance door. Patty Fairchild noted a previous discussion of a proposal to erect a sign identifying Coe Memorial Park on Litchfield Street and she and Committee members looked for assurance that a TPD sign would not compete with what the Committee and Park & Rec may do at a later date. Chief Maniago agreed to a suggestion made by Mark McEachern to have Rite-Way Sign prepare an actual size mock up of the sign with an alternative color scheme and design so that the Committee can better evaluate the impact of a street-side sign.

Chief Maniago stressed the benefit that the TPD Community Outreach Station will provide to the Park.

In response to a Committee member question, it was noted that the Trust would continue to pay custodial fees during TPD-sponsored events.

Members of the Committee noted that a path has been worn to the kitchen door. We would like the blank space to be filled in with vinca. Patty Fairchild agreed and will raise the issue with Brett.

Susan Coe Holbrook joined the meeting and, noting that the black and white garden was a favorite of Margaret Keywan, expressed interest in adding new black perennials to that bed. Marc Trivella will invite Lori Stickney to a meeting to discuss the idea of enhancing the black and white garden in Margaret's memory. We would like Lori to research the cost and plant viability in our area of a variety of black perennials that Susan has found.

Susan also noted that she has located some Coe family portraits and that she will share her findings with Marc Trivella to determine if any can be used in the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center Auditorium.

Marc Trivella will send a sympathy card to Margaret Keywan's family on behalf of the Coe Memorial Park Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm on a motion by Lori Chiron, seconded by Mary Zbell.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Addazio