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Coe Memorial Park Committee Meeting

August 18, 2017

Call to order 5:00 PM

Mission Statement: To create within the Downtown area of Torrington a first class Horticulture Oasis in accordance with and strict adherence to the Coe Godfrey Benefactors and the Coe Family trust.

Present

Marc Trivella, Chairman

Mary Zbell

Lori Chiron

Judy Addazio and Mark McEachern were absent tonight.

Two Community guests, Melissa Dustin (grew up in Torrington and a fan of the park) and Paul Alderete (her son), were observing a town committee meeting for his Boy Scout Communication Merit Badge.

Last meeting minutes approved. Motion from Mary Zbell and Lori Chiron 2nd.

Committee discussion:

There was discussion of the Garden Irrigation and the creation of a new zone by Artistic Irrigation from South Main Street to the Civic Center. This is the first time this problem was brought to the attention of the committee and it provoked some concern as to how long it has been a problem and if this will indeed correct the problem. The members present later walked along the identified corridor to visualize the area in question. It was also suggested if plantings are interrupting the flow of water that care should be taken by the gardener to correct the problem by adjusting the design or plant selection to maximize effective watering of the garden.

A motion to accept the construction of a new zone was made by Lori and 2nd by Mary.

The Wednesday, August 30th, Pre-Season Walk Through was discussed. As a committee we discussed the need for our awareness of any presented plans, as well as our responsibility to ask questions and/or take the time to consider what is presented at the time of the meeting. For only with this observation can we comfortably comment on any adjustments to the gardens as they develop or any future design elements or plant selections in the future.

Members present want to invite Lori Stickney to our September meeting and discuss the monetary gift from Margaret Keywan's family, perhaps for a special flower selection, as it pertains to the Black and White garden, a favorite of Margaret's.

Old Business:

Regarding the Coe Family Portraits, the Chairman will coordinate with the Photo Shop photographer and the Torrington Historical Society museum for the project to move forward.

Regarding The bronze Coe Memorial plaque in the boulder, the Chairman will contact John Ciesco for a more detailed estimate for the polishing of this plaque (as well as the remaining War Memorial plaques) and report to Brett Simmons.

Regarding the further planning for the Carriage House cupola finials, the committee thanks Brett for pursuing a proposal from Mike Boe for his design and continuation of this project.

Regarding the request for information on “signage” if not suggestions from the Boston Public Garden, the Chairman contacted the City of Boston Park Department and found several phone numbers to call ending with one that a message was left with. No call has been returned and he will try again.

From a previous meeting we discussed: “The committee revisited the sign(age) discussion after last year’s decision to abandon further signage in the park. The committee decided to reopen the topic if not to exhaust any possibilities of signage in other forms in addition to a “Coe Memorial Park” sign. It was discussed it would be prudent to broaden our scope of any and all potential signage requests for other purposes to identify signage including but not limited to trees, specific areas, rules and restrictions, traffic and parking, identifying plaques, to buildings.”

It was suggested to hold a special meeting to discuss just this topic sometime in October of this year. This will be a topic of discussion in New Business for the September meeting.

New business:

The committee would be interested in an update from the Torrington Police on the new community room, and any observations of their presence in the park. Chairman Trivella will contact Officer Rob Simon.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35 PM, Motioned by Lori Chiron 2nd Mary Zbell.

Respectfully submitted by
Marc Trivella, Chairman,
in the absence of Judy Addazio, Secretary.