

Joint Meeting Minutes
Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission
Coe Memorial Park Committee
April 18, 2018

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. In attendance were:

Commissioners Mike Fritch, Gerry Carbone, and Jim Pescatore.

Committee members Mark Trivella, Chairperson, Mary Zbell, Judy Addazio, Lori Chiron, and Kathy Renzullo

Superintendent Brett Simmons, Chief Michael Maniago, Officer Tony Pietrafesa.

Chief Maniago and Officer Pietrafesa provided an overview of the events, activities, and statistics for the first year of the Community Police Unit. Favorable comments were given by many in attendance.

Commissioner Carbone suggested that there be more publicity in regards to the operation of the unit. It was also suggested that there be a greater police presence at the summer concerts. All suggestions were met favorably.

Chief Maniago requested that a special parking spot be set aside for a police car/emergency vehicle. On a motion by Mark Trivella with a second by Lori Chiron, both committees voted unanimously to approve a sign designating that special parking space.

After a report by Superintendent Simmons, both boards agreed that the financial impact to the trust was minimal. All were in agreement that the park and the city would benefit if there was more police presence in the park in exchange for use of the Civic Center for the Community Police Unit.

On a motion by Mark Trivella with a second by Pat Fairchild, commissioners and committee members voted unanimously to renew and continue the MOU for the Community Police Unit with an annual review in January of each year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fairchild, Chairperson, Recorder of Minutes