

*Coe Memorial Park Committee
Minutes
November 20, 2013*

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.*

Chairman Susan Coe Holbrook called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Present: Chairman Susan Coe Holbrook, Mary Zbell, Mark McEachern, Lori Chiron, Marc Trivella and Margaret Keywan

Absent: Dr Isadore Temkin

Motion was made by Mary Zbell to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2013, the Special Meeting of September 23, 2013 and October 16, 2013 meeting. This was seconded by Lori Chiron and passed unanimously.

A letter dated October 13, 2013 from Corporation Council was read regarding the voting of a non-member. Discussion regarding the adherence to the Roberts Rules of Order paid for information received in 2011 from one of the Parliamentarians was discussed and noted that the Coe Memorial Park Committee had followed that directive.

Motion was made by Lori Chiron to restate the Motions that the Park & Recreation Commission voided even though all Motions and votes cast were unanimous despite the vote deemed illegal. This was seconded by Mary Zbell and passed unanimously.

Motion Restated for Clarification was made by Marc Trivella to have the Coe Memorial Park Committee actively involved in the budget as directed by the Judge of Probate (which has been ignored) The Committee desires to be included in the development and revision of line items prior to presentation by the Superintendent. **The Committee desires to be included in the development and revision of individual line items PRIOR to presentation by the Superintendent.**

Motion Restated by Margaret Keywan and seconded by Mary Zbell to **table** the decision on new LED lights for Coe Memorial Park until 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Permanent Motion: Margaret Keywan restated the Motion that the amount of \$11,680.67 is to be reimbursed to the Coe Godfrey Trust. To date the reconciliation by the Parks and Recreation Commission has NOT been accepted by the Coe Memorial Park Committee. Meetings between the Trustee and the City Treasurer have not yielded a resolution prior to the Probate hearing. The five year repayment plan is unacceptable. If a resolution is not forthcoming, the Committee will ask the Judge for a ruling. The motion was seconded by Lori Chiron and passed unanimously.

This is a permanent motion until a decision is made.

Permanent Motion: Margaret Keywan for the Parks & Recreation Commission to reimburse the Coe Trust fund for 11 unaccounted Mity-Lite tables purchased with Coe Trust money entrusted to the Parks & Recreation Department. This shall remain a permanent motion until such time as the situation is rectified or the Judge renders a decision. Previous statements regarding insufficient funds are unacceptable. This was seconded by Lori Chiron and passed unanimously.

This is a permanent motion until a decision is made.

Motion to adjourn October meeting by Mary Zbell at 6:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of October 16, 2013, and seconded by Marc Trivella to adjourn the October 16, 2013 passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Zbell for the Coe Memorial Park Committee to meet with Mike Zaharek and Superintendent Brett Simmons to discuss the selection and purchase of the tree for South Main Street. The Motion was seconded by Marc Trivella and passed unanimously.

Chairman Susan Coe Holbrook related that it was learned that since the original landscaping charette held by Chris Ferrero on April 9, 2012, the Coe Memorial Park Committee had largely been uninformed regarding Phase II. Several inquiries regarding the removal/absence of the rain garden and the subsequent and obvious drainage problems as well as unsightly drainage stones in the gardens, and their hazards have gone unanswered by the Superintendent.

The Coe Memorial Park Committee has been purposely left out of any decision making due to their precise objectivity on submitted plans.

Motion to Adjourn by Lori Chiron and seconded by Margaret Keywan passed unanimously at 5:45p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Civic Center on December 18, 2013 at 5p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret K Keywan
Secretary