

Minutes
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee
April 8, 2009

Mission Statement

To create within the downtown area of Torrington a first class horticultural oasis in accordance with & strict adherence to the Intent of the Coe Godfrey benefactors and the Coe Family Trust.

Present

Parks & Recreation Superintendent J.Brett Simmons
Parks & Recreation Chairperson Patricia Fairchild
Parks & Recreation Commissioner Jim Pescatore
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Members: Susan Coe Holbrook, Margaret Keywan, Frank Pennington,
Marc Trivella, and Mary Zbell
Mayoral Assistant Steve Nocera

Absent

Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Member Dr. Isadore Temkin
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Member Emeritus Robert Driscoll

Patricia Fairchild opened the meeting at 5:16 pm

A motion was made by Susan Coe Holbrook and seconded by Margaret Keywan to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Fairchild announced that Fran Ducotey had resigned.

Park and Recreation Superintendent J. Brett Simmons distributed the following:

The corrected signed contract for Still River Gardens

The Budget Performance Report ending March 31, 2009

The monthly agenda for the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center

The Coe Trust Budget 2009/2010

Superintendent Simmons stated that the pump to the fountain was being re-installed by the Water Authority. A new junction box & back flow will be serviced at this time.

Kennedy Electric had successfully re-wired three lights near the foot print area. Frank Pennington inquired as to what type wire was being used. Superintendent Simmons could not answer the question but will report back.

April 17, 2009 Artistic Irrigation will be turning on the irrigation system and the fountain will be in operation at that time.

Margaret Keywan questioned if Renaissance Farm damaged the irrigation system with the stakes, would they be held responsible? Superintendent J Brett Simmons could not answer the question.

Mary Zbell asked if the Superintendent has found out about the spot on the copper beech tree. He had not but will follow up on this item.

Margaret Keywan stated that against regulations the Susan B Anthony event placed a banner upon the building. She requested that all hooks and related matter be removed in order to prevent banners. Also noted at the same event was that there were signs staked in the large urns on the dance floor. Superintendent J Brett Simmons will handle the matter.

Representatives of Still River Gardens gave a quarterly report and handed out a detailed work schedule along with upcoming dates and activities.

A sad note was that approximately 15 to 20 Roses were dead possibly due to the pruning by the fall contractor. Lorie Stickney also related that no cannas or elephant ears were wintered over and that the tubers for the Dahlias were not clearly marked. It was also noted that the perennial mums that were purchased last year were also apparently thrown away. Susan Coe Holbrook stated that this was another instance of wasting money and that the fall gardener should not have been paid due to breach of contract. Margaret Keywan pointed out these problems exist as there was no oversight.

A color theme for the park has not yet been designed depending upon what is available at local growers in May stated Ms Stickney.

A motion was made by Margaret Keywan and seconded by Marc Trivella to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2009 at the Armory at 5:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret K Keywan

Recording Secretary