

Minutes of Special Meeting
Torrington Parks and Recreation Commission
Coe Memorial Park Advisory Committee
Coe Memorial Park Horticultural Review Committee
October 6, 2011

Chairperson Patricia Fairchild called to order a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Coe Memorial Park Advisory Committee, and the Coe Memorial Park Horticultural Review Committee on October 6, 2011, at 5:15 P.M. at Coe Memorial Park. In attendance were Commissioners Fran Ducotey (also Review Committee member), Dan Lovallo (also Review Committee member), and Gerry Carbone. Coe Committee members in attendance were Mary Zbell, Mark Trivella, Margaret Keywan (Review Committee member) and Susan Coe Holbrook (Review Committee Member). Horticultural Review Committee members included Judy Addazio and Mike Zaharek. Superintendent Brett Simmons and Lori and Jeremy Stickney were also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on the proposal for the ivy glen and to decide if a tree will be put back in the glen.

Gardener Lori Stickney stated that she wants to do the right thing for the largest bed in the park. This bed is now in the sun. She has looked on-line and in books for Victorian style gardens which gave her ideas for the ivy glen. She presented two plans for the ivy glen which she described to the members present.

Lori also spoke about changes to the monument which would involve removing the junipers in order to add more color to the monument area.

The gardeners would like to begin changing the ivy glen now in the fall as they are able to see where the plants have been growing.

Mike Zaharek also spoke about the Asian beetle, giving information to members present. He spoke about the tri-color copper beech and stated that this tree may lose its variegated look.

On a motion by Margaret Keywan with a second by Mark Trivella, all committee members present voted unanimously to go with the tri-color beech tree as the replacement tree in the ivy glen.

On a motion by Dan Lovallo with a second by Judy Addazio, members present voted unanimously to go with the blue stone design for the ivy glen.

On a motion by Judy Addazio with a second by Gerry Carbone, the members of all committees voted to adjourn at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Patricia A. Fairchild, Chairperson and Recorder of the Day