

Minutes  
Coe Memorial Park Committee  
February 15, 2012

**Mission Statement**

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

**Present:** Coe Memorial Park Committee Members: Susan Coe Holbrook, Dr Isadore Temkin, Marc Trivella, Mark McEachern, Mary Zbell, and Margaret Keywan

**Also Attending:** Parks and Recreation Superintendent Brett Simmons  
Parks and Recreation Chairman Patricia Fairchild  
Jeremy and Lori Stickney of Still River Gardens

**Absent** Chairman Frank Pennington

At 5:05 Pm the meeting was called to order by Mary Zbell

A motion was made by Marc Trivella and seconded by Mark McEachern to accept the minutes of the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Lori and Jeremy Stickney spoke in regard to the plantings in Coe Memorial Park, the color, texture, placement variety and general scope of the park. Specific attention was paid the Civil War monument at the head of the park. Dr Isadore Temkin stated that this has initial impact on everyone coming to and passing thru town. A lengthy discussion on the importance of this area took place. Therefore the impact should be the greatest at this point of the park. More sustained color, mass plantings and vibrant colors should be the agenda for this spot. This should be more of a monochromatic theme rather than cottage style. Lorie stated that she hopes to continue on with the black & white theme toward the Litchfield street entrance. Margaret Keywan related that there several new species available as an example, the match stick mums and the Kalahari dianthus that are good performers. Ms Keywan also suggested that Montauk daisies could also be planted for Fall color. She also inquired if the gardeners tried to reduce their budget by 10 %, could that same amount be applied to the new gardens along the new driveway? This therefore would still be covered under the \$65,000 contract. Lorie seemed to think that this could be accomplished. In the near future a plan for 2012 gardens will be presented by the contractor.

Margaret Keywan related that there was excess granite at the city dog pound available for purchase to city residents and wondered if this could be utilized for

Phase II. Although she had not visited since late summer, there was a large amount available at that time.

An in depth discussion on the flowering trees (18) and the remaining (13) new trees to be planted around the driveway was expressed. This brings the total to 31 trees in that area. Superintendent Brett Simmons proposed that a meeting be held prior to the March 7 meeting with Park & Recreation Commissioners. It is scheduled at **5pm at the Armory on March 5, 2012.**

There will be a meeting **March 7,2012 5pm at the Armory** with Park & Recreation Commissioners and perhaps Chris Ferrero. The discussion will be the CL&P billing, planting of 31 trees, electrical box and it's landscaping &LED lights and topics yet to be designated in regard to Phase II. All should be in place after this meeting for presentation to city council.

Upon Superintendent Simmons investigation it was found out that a CL&P meter for Fuessenich Park was installed in the Civic Center and being billed from at least 2000 to the Coe Godfrey Trust.

**The amount back to the year 2000 is ++\$8909. However the city wished to reimburse only up to three years \$2690.73**

Mark Mc Eachern explained the cost & construction of the new markers in the house foot print which was supposed to be *included* in Phase I

A Motion was made by Marc Trivella and seconded by Mark McEachern to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 21, 2012 5PM at city hall auditorium.

Respectfully Submitted

***Margaret K Keywan***

Recording secretary

