

Coe Memorial Park Committee  
October 15, 2015

**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 Marc Trivella opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

**Attending:** Chairman Marc Trivella, Mark McEachern, Mary Zbell, Dr Isadore Temkin, Lori Chiron, Jen Platsky, Margaret Keywan, Susan Coe Holbrook, Frank Pennington, Police Chief Maniago, Superintendent Brett Simmons, Park & Recreation Chairman Patricia Fairchild, Commissioners Fran Ducotey and Jerry Carbone

**A Motion** was made by Mary Zbell and seconded by Lori Chiron to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**A Motion** by Margaret Keywan made was to change the agenda in order to expedite the police report. This was seconded by Mark McEachern and passed unanimously.

Police Chief Michael Maniago related the following police information as of January 1, 2013 to October 14 2014:

- 855 park and walk patrols
- 270 calls
- 31 suspects
- 34 disturbances
- 3 intoxications
- 5 drugs
- 4 larcenies

The Police Department is fully aware of the climate in Coe Memorial Park. The reports were done by the Drug Unit, Plain Clothes Unit and Regular Uniformed Patrols also unmarked vehicles. At times the police dog was also used. These procedures shall continue.

\*All calls coming into the police station are prioritized in order of importance.

The Chief reported that there is an established a dedicated “downtown patrol” now that includes Coe Memorial Park. Demographics have changed and citizens have a right to congregate peacefully in the park. This is First Amendment right to free speech where language and vocabulary are not relevant unless stated and directed in an abusive or threatening manner. Otherwise the potential for ACLU litigation increases.

Chief Maniago stressed that a new culture of social dynamics now exists and that patience and tolerance must be in place in order to co-exist in a peaceful manner.

Chairman Marc Trivella discussed the possible paint color scheme for the carriage house. The itemization for the wood, window & door repair shall be forthcoming. This shall be a multi-year project as the damage is extensive.

Chairman Trivella related that John Ciesco of Ciesco Memorials is doing further investigation on Monument/sign designs for the Coe Family by Olmsted Brothers. A report will be given at the next meeting.

A discussion regarding the submission of charges by the Boe Studio took place. This will continue at the next meeting.

**A Motion** was made by Lori Chiron and seconded by Margaret Keywan to accept the **2015** meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

**PERMANENT MOTION:** Margaret Keywan mad a permanent motion, seconded by Lori Chiron to seek reimbursement for 11 Mity-Lite tables that were in the custody of the Park & Recreation department. Margaret Keywan stated that the 11 Mity-Lite tables still remains an issue and if not resolved at this level, the Probate Court shall make a decision.

**A Motion** to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. was made by Mary Zbell, seconded by Jen Platsky and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on November 19, 2014 5:00 p.m. at the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret K. Keywan*  
Secretary