

Minutes
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee
March 4, 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 Commissioners: Fran Ducotey, Jim Pescatore, & Dan Lovallo
Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Members: Susan Coe Holbrook, Margaret Keywan, Frank Pennington,
Dr. Isadore Temkin, Marc Trivella & Mary Zbell
Mayoral Assistant Steve Nocera

Absent

Coe Memorial Park Subcommittee Member Emeritus Robert Driscoll

Fran Ducotey opened the meeting at 5:17 pm.

A motion was made by Susan Coe Holbrook and seconded by Mary Zbell to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Park and Recreation Superintendent J Brett Simmons reported the following:

Weather permitting, the fleur-de-lis will be taken down & stored this week (same report on February 4, 2009).

Approximate cost of the Civic Center bathroom repair was \$300.

Answering a question by Frank Pennington, Superintendent Simmons stated that there was no longer dripping water on the Civic Center steps.

Superintendent Simmons handed out a copy of the letter again sent to the Social Security Administration on February 24, 2009 regarding parking. The letter stated that this problem was initially addressed on May 14, 2008. A brief discussion followed regarding being "good neighbors" resulting in Fran Ducotey to once again speak to the Social Security Administration Manager in this regard.

Superintendent Simmons distributed the final unsigned copy of the Horticultural Services for Coe Memorial Park that was signed by Still River Gardens. Susan Coe Holbrook noted several

typographical errors in the contract. No indication was given as to whether this would be corrected.

Superintendent Simmons stated that .the department would be gearing up for Spring with Still River Gardens and also scheduling an appointment with Mike Zaharek in regard to the tree work.

This is the third request to Superintendent Simmons to date for the projected trust income for 2009-2010 from Bank of America and still no answer.

Susan Coe Holbrook inquired why the Park & Recreation Commissioners had overridden the Subcommittee's budget recommendation of **zero increase with no capital improvements for 2009-2010.**

Mayoral assistant Steven Nocera assured the Subcommittee that all budget shall be fine-toothed by Mayor Bingham and he could almost promise that the zero increase would be retained.

Frank Pennington made a motion to adjourn & seconded by Mary Zbell.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2009 at 5:15pm at the Armory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret K Keywan

Recording Secretary