

**Minutes
Coe Memorial Park Committee
September 17, 2014**

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. at the rear of the Coe Carriage House and then moved on to the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center. This was done after viewing and discussing the various color combinations.

A Motion was made by Mary Zbell to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2014, meeting, seconded by Lori Chiron and passed.

Dr Isadore Temkin stated that the use of the Carriage House should be finalized prior to spending vast amounts of money on a parking garage for Park & Recreation vehicles, gas containers and lawn equipment of hazardous nature. In the future a fact-finding and brain-storming session will take place on the use of the building other than a garage. Continuing research upon the construction placement, usage and damage control of gutters will be discussed also.

Thursday evening September 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. the Committee will meet at Hillside cemetery with John Ciesco of Ciesco Monuments. The Historic Olmsted monuments will be visited and their adaption to a historic sign for Coe Memorial Park.

Chairman Marc Trivella announced that architect Michael Boe is preparing the plans for the new cupolas hopefully for the next meeting. Joe Sabia was contacted and an estimate is not ready as yet because there is far more extensive damage to the Carriage house than originally thought as it is a very complex operation and it is possible that this could be a multi-year plan.

Margaret Keywan announced that there is a polymer shingle available that looks like cedar shingle and also a variety that looks just like slate. There is a 50-year warranty on this product. This topic shall be included in the general Carriage House concepts.

A Motion by Mary Zbell to have superintendent Brett Simmons move forward with the RFP for the roof on the Carriage House. This was seconded by Lori Chiron and passed unanimously.

Margaret Keywan related that the July Garden Report contained 14 perennials varieties (109 plants) and 120 annual varieties (1882.5 plants) with the total cost of \$6,342.08 not including compost or labor.

Mary Zbell expressed concern over the condition of the beloved beech tree. It appears the disease has accelerated. Jen Platsky related that there is a certain life span for that tree and it may be kept alive by continual herbicide applications or the time may come to plant a new tree. The

Committee should discuss this matter and a management plan at the October meeting. **The Committee requests that Brett Simmons set up that meeting and include Mike Zaharek.**

Permanent Motion: Margaret Keywan made a permanent motion, seconded by Lori Chiron to seek reimbursement for the value of 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 Lori Chiron and seconded by Jen Platsky and passed unanimously

The next meeting will be held at the Coe Memorial Park Civic Center on October 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret K Keywan
Secretary