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Fairfield Hills Authority

MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held its regular meeting on Monday, February 22nd 2016 at the Edmond Town Hall Lower Meeting Room, 45 Main Street, Newtown CT 06470

These minutes are subject to the approval of the FHA at their next meeting.

Present: Tom Connors, Jim Bernardi, Andrew Willie, Renata Adler, Phil Clark, Terry Sagedy, Ross Carley

Absent: Curt Verdi

Also Present: Christal Preszler (Grants Coordinator), Kyle Lyddy (Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission)

Mr. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Participation:

Richmond Jones- Mr. Jones asked permission of the group to document the inside of Canaan House through photography. He expressed that it would not be solely for personal satisfaction. Town Historian, Daniel Cruson submitted a letter of support (attached). The group showed mutual respect of his idea, but were concerned for his safety considering the current remediation/demolition process. The FHA was also concerned that allowing Mr. Jones would create a stir of people and groups wanting to enter the buildings. They suggested he try to work with the town, to which Mr. Jones replied he has a meeting scheduled with First Selectman Pat Llodra. Mr. Jones also presented a large-scale peace sign, that is based off of the concept of Stonehenge. He has submitted these plans to other Commissions in the past, but wanted to include the FHA.

Kyle Lyddy- Mr. Lyddy came to give a brief update on the progress that the SHPMC has made. He wanted it to be clear that opinions and ideas are very welcome, and are still being gathered. Ms. Adler started a discussion, asking to have Open Space defined. Mr. Carley wanted to make sure that a lost step would not allow an outsider to find a loophole to produce whatever they may want on a supposedly 'Open Space' parcel. Mr. Connors brought the group back, stating that the SHPMC is trying to get it right, not trying to make a deadline.

GreenTek- Andrew Mangold and Katy Caulfield presented preliminary plans for a 'Fruit Trail' they would like to install in the Fairfield Hills Campus. The pair described this as a way for people to connect to nature through native fruit trees, herbaceous ground cover and perennials, that will require little to no upkeep. This was not presented as a plan for a memorial but it was suggested that GreenTek and Mr. Lyddy to discuss it as a possibility. FHA members supported the overall idea, and asked the pair to come back with a full proposal.

Minutes: Mr. Connors moved to accept the minutes from January 25th 2016. Mr. Bernardi so moved. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

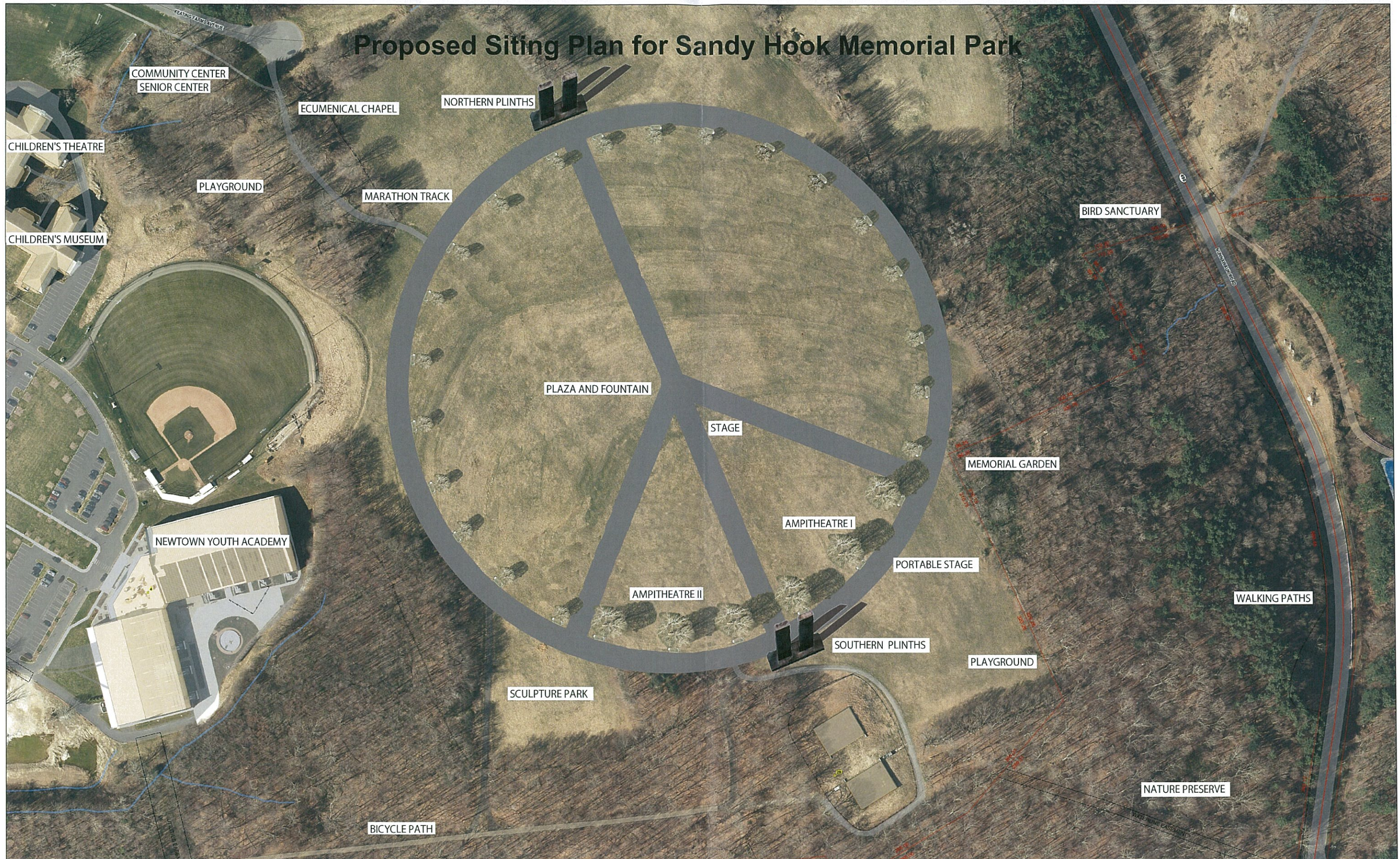
Staff Updates (Preszler): Ms. Preszler updated the FHA that the renovation of Duplex 63 is moving along as scheduled. She is looking into an EDA grant which would help install new sewer and water. After congratulating Ms. Preszler on the recent awarding of \$500,000 from the STEAP Grant, the group was quick to ask their involvement of the process. Mr. Carley and Mr. Sagedy asked to take part in town discussion/meetings on behalf of the FHA to keep communication open.

Mr. Carley also made a motion to designate \$3,000 to continue the Plymouth Hall basement project. Mr. Bernardi seconded. All in favor. Mr. Clark has been working to create a list the expenses of Fairfield Hills, including the different town departments. This will give the FHA a sense of what is being worked on and the money involved for those services. Mr. Willie observed the arrow on the sign for the EOC building is not pointing in the correct direction, and was assured it will be looked into.

Adjournment: Mr. Connors made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Bernardi seconded. With no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:34pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*

Proposed Siting Plan for Sandy Hook Memorial Park

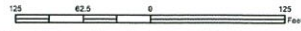


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Town of Newtown CT PROPOSAL FOR SANDY HOOK MEMORIAL PARK AND EDUCATION CAMPUS

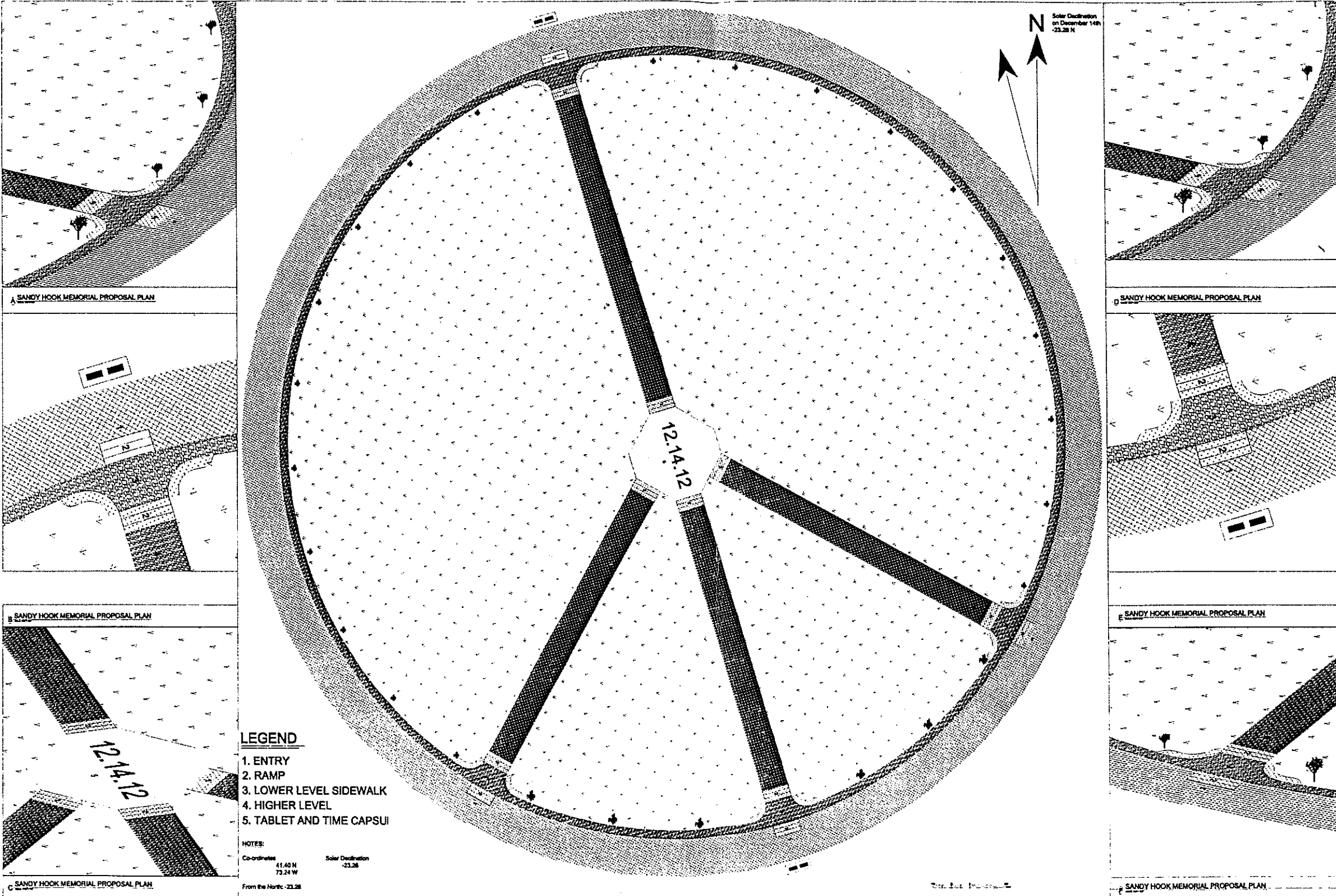
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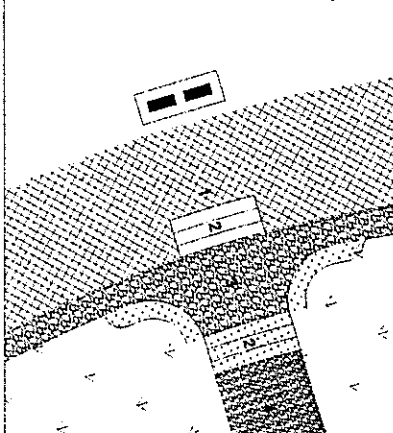


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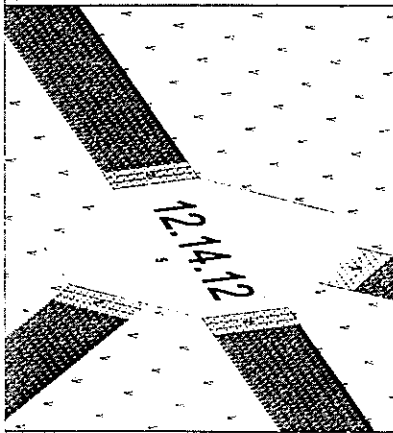
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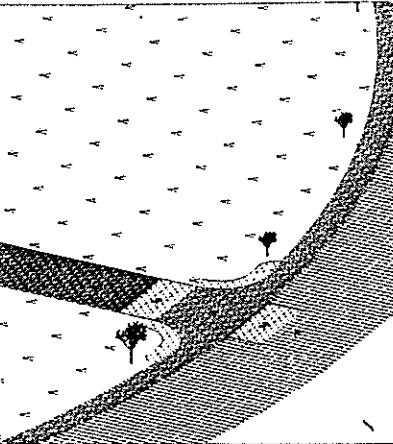
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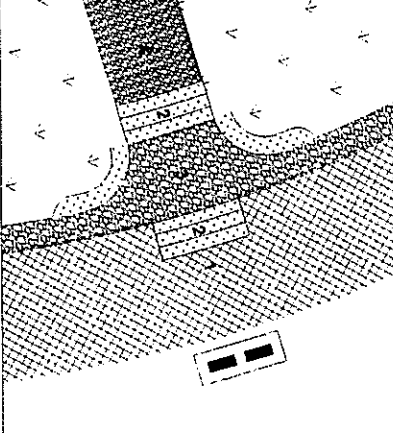
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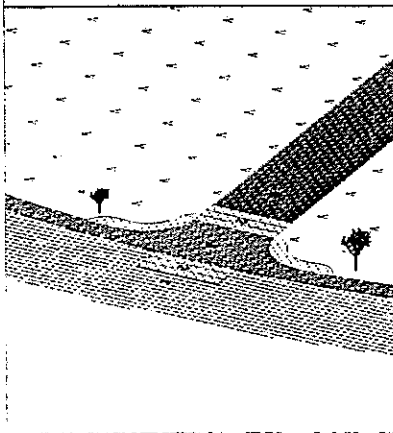
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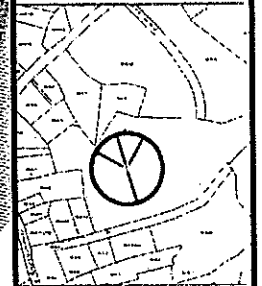


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- LEGEND**
1. ENTRY
 2. RAMP
 3. LOWER LEVEL SIDEWALK
 4. HIGHER LEVEL
 5. TABLET AND TIME CAPSULE

NOTES:
 Co-ordinates: 41.40 N, 73.24 W
 Solar Declination: -23.26
 From the North: -23.26

Solar Declination on December 14th: -23.26 N



Date: 8/11/14 Drawn By: SHARIE
 Scale: VARY
 Project Title: SANDY HOOK MEMORIAL PARK PROPOSAL

Drawing Title: AERIAL VIEW

Preliminary sketch January 8th, 2013.
 For Proposed Sandy Hook Elementary School Memorial Park, Concept & Design © 2013 by Richmond Jones: www.richmondjones.com
 Architectural & Graphics Consultant: Sheila Tolan.

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February 19, 2016

To the members of the Fairfield Hills Authority,

Richmond Jones, the bearer of this letter, has approached me with an offer to extensively photograph Canaan Hall which I understand is scheduled for demolition in the near future. As the town historian, I have been compiling an archive of material on the history of the hospital and I am especially interested in documenting Canaan Hall before it is taken down. Just as Andrea Zimmermann photographed Danbury hall before its recent demolition, Mr. Jones has offered to supply my office with a photographic record of this building.

I realize that the Authority has closed the buildings like Canaan Hall and denies access to them. I fully understand such a move on your part since access to the buildings constitutes a threat to health and safety. I am hoping that you will make an exception for Mr. Jones and allow him access to Canaan Hall long enough to photograph the interior of the building, so I may be able to add this material to our growing Fairfield Hills Archive where it will be available to future generations of historians and scholars. This is especially valuable to those doing research on the history and development of the treatment of the mentally ill in Connecticut in general and specifically the evolution of psychiatric nursing of which this building was an important part.

I thank you for your serious consideration of my request and I remain available to answer any questions you may have regarding the project.

Yours truly,

Daniel Cruson



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Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 12:55 PM

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Mr. George Benson
Land Use Office
Newtown, Connecticut

George: This letter is to formally request permission to create an historical photographic record of Canaan House prior to its demolition. I am primarily an urban photographer, and have long incorporated architectural details in my work. What interests me most about this project, however, are the archeological remains which manifest the history of psychiatric treatment at Fairfield State Hospital. I have discussed this project with Town Historian Dan Cruzon, and will offer the town a complete set of prints for the town archives.

I intend to shoot the interior with medium format (6x6 cm) black and white film, which will be scanned into digital files. I will simultaneously back up the silver negatives with digital imagery.

This documentation will provide the material for an extensive photo essay which will be submitted for magazine and digital publication. In addition to providing this material for the town archives, I will also commit to creating an exhibition to be shown at the Municipal Center and/or other appropriate venues.

Aside from this opportunity to create a compelling body of work, my interest is personal. Both my maternal grandparents spent their final months in the geriatric ward at Fairfield State Hospital in the late Sixties.

I come to this project with over fifty years experience as a photographer and journalist. I have an extensive publication and exhibition record utilizing photographs as political cartoons for the New York Times and other newspapers and magazines. A sampling of my published work can be seen at <www.richmondjones.com>

I will provide a waiver of liability to the Town of Newtown. I have long experience working on construction and demolition sites (including months of work at Ground Zero.) I will provide my own safety gear and cooperate fully to avoid interfering with any demolition activity or security concerns. I would like, if possible, to follow this process to its completion. I am available to begin immediately on receiving permission.

Time is running out. I regret putting this proposal off until the last minute, as I did not expect the work to commence until spring. Meanwhile, I will continue to keep my proposal for #Sandy Hook Memorial Park in the conversation.

I see this project as a once in a lifetime opportunity to create thoughtful visual documentation of an important part of the town's history, and to add a significant chapter to my life's work. I would greatly appreciate your support for this endeavor.

Thank you and good health.