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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Permanent Memorial Commission

Minutes

October 30, 2013 at 7:00PM

Municipal Center- Council Chambers

In Attendance: Commissioners: Middelmeer, Van Waalwijk, Pavlidou Kyprianou, Brunetti, Lyddy, Engel, Bacon, Krauss and Pinto

Staff: Anne Alzapiedi and Clerk Lynn Kovack

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Public Participation: Davis Dunavin from the Newtown Patch observed the meeting

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 17, 2013 meeting will be reviewed at next meeting

Correspondence: Mission Statements from 9/11 memorial and Columbine memorial were handed out to the Commission. Discussed websites on memorials that Lynn sent out. Also handed out article from Joanne Brunetti on "Making the Memorial" for possible ideas and discussion at the next meeting.

Dates were discussed for future meetings. Commission will put together calendar for 2nd Thursday of each month and will vote and accept at next meeting. Will then be filed with the Town Clerks Office.

Anne Alzapiedi gave an update on the Spreadsheet. She was scheduled to meet with Cultural Arts Commission to see where everything is. Spreadsheet will include ideas, donations, etc. that the Town has received.

Anne explained some items donated in memorials were sent to a place that reduced it to sacred soil for Commission to use as they decide. The workers who did this treated materials with kindness and respect.

Commission worked on DRAFTS of a Mission Statement off of Good words and comments they came up with during the meeting. The following is the draft the Commission has come up with so far. Again this is just a DRAFT COPY:

The mission of the Commission is to make a recommendation for a Permanent memorial that remembers, honors and celebrates those who died and serve to provide comfort and hope to those who loved them. Provide the Community with a place of quiet reflection to embrace peace and connection.

Actions: Anne will find out about Chairman, Vice Chairman and if Co Chairman's are allowed and information on being a Chairman and responsibilities. She gave a brief description of the job: Determine agenda, run/conducts meeting, speaks to press, etc. She will have this information at the next meeting. She will also check into the picture in the Bee with the NHS Alumni Committee about a memorial. Anne spoke to them a while back and explained a Commission was being put together for that purpose. She will let them know their ideas are welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM