



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Permanent Memorial Commission Minutes
January 9, 2014 at 7:30PM
Newtown Municipal Center- Council Chambers

Attendees: JoAnn Bacon, Joanne Brunetti, Steffan Burns, Brian Engel, Daniel Krauss, Agni Pavlidou
Kyprianou, Scarlett Lewis, Kyle Lyddy, Alan Martin, Sarah Middeleer, Tricia Pinto
Staff: Anne Alzapeidi

Public Participation:

- Newtown Alumni Association:
 - Spoke about what they have gathered over the past year specific to a permanent memorial including pro-bono resources and research on location
 - Willing to work with the Memorial Commission to assure things are moving in the right direction
- Newtown Memorial Fund
 - Have collected monetary contributions – a physical memorial is just a third of what their mission is
 - Willing to work with the commission when appropriate
- Newtown Cultural Arts Commission
 - Supplied the commission with three pages of memorial suggestions that have come in over the past year.
 - The Cultural Arts Commission responded to majority of the people who had contributed plans, artwork, etc.
 - Goal of our commission will be to sift through these pieces to understand what may be needed for our group to proceed.
- The group decided that we will continue to move forward at our pace understanding these other groups have done their work, to attempt to keep on task and go through the process we hope to have happen – solicit input, etc. We will in turn reach out to these groups at appropriate times when we think we can utilize their support

Meeting: Approved Minutes

9/11 Commission – Need to pick a date (may be a one-off date from current schedule) to accommodate the 9/11 Commission President to come speak with us

Kyle put together learning's from the Columbine Commission thesis – highlighted some of the main callouts that their commission was able to share with us

Discussed how we would like to begin the solicitation process and we all agreed that the 26 families would be the first ones we would like to connect with to understand their thoughts on a permanent memorial – what they may want and what they may not want

Anne was going to reach out to Pat Llodra to get her thoughts on the outreach process for the school decisions – community input, the way her team connected with the families, etc. Really want to get a sense to see if she felt that process worked or if she would recommend going a different route

For next meeting, we were to bring back questions we thought may be a good idea to ask the 26 families. Questions that we could get answers out of them specific to what they may want to see for a permanent memorial. We will review these questions and try and set up meetings with families.

Our team will also sift through the cultural arts ideas to organize them into categories for us to have a better idea of really what we have to work with (i.e. landscape submissions, benches, etc.)