



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PERMANENT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Minutes

February 27, 2014 @ 5:00 PM Special Meeting
Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street Newtown
Council Chambers

In Attendance: Commissioners Bacon, Brunetti, Burns, Engel, Krauss, Kyprinou, Lyddy,
Middeleer, Pinto, Burns, VanWaalwijk and Martin
Staff: Lynn Kovack

Special Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM

Chairman Kyle Lyddy introduced Joe Daniels and Abigail Mullins. Joe Daniels is the President and CEO of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum and Abigail is the 9/11 Memorial Project Manager. Kyle invited them to come and talk to the Commission about help in the information gathering process.

Some key things that Joe went over were:

- Discussed the importance of understanding that there will be many different views and will be important to solicit ideas and set up sub-committees to reflect those different groups
- It's important to look at the way we progress from every angle-the way the names are positioned, what the memorial look and feel will be like
- Memorial Design Process was productive and the 9/11 Commission is able to help assist us in the way the process took place
- Family members of 9/11 were heavily involved in the process of determining the guidelines of the memorial
- A blind jury was set up to sift through 5,200+ designs which an architectural design firm was a part of the organizing
- Fundraising will be an important part of what this is and how we maintain this in the future- Joe Daniels is able to assist when the time comes including the firm CSS which assisted the 9/11 Commission. Once design is established you will want to get a major fundraising push to show people what we're attempting to do
- Communication outreach will be important to the community- via social, via online, via media

Mr. Daniels told the group that the input they solicit will be extremely important, especially the various perspectives and emotional relationships to the event itself. It is important to understand there will be many different views. He stressed that "what the families want will be one of the main focuses". Not only will the public and families have opinions. The Memorial Commission individuals will have different opinions too. It is important to listen to all opinions.

The Newtown Permanent Memorial Commission has also reached out to other Communities affected by tragedies and have successfully created permanent Memorials. Columbine was one of them. The Commission has not heard back from them, but think they would be another good resource.

Keeping on top of how Newtown perceives the process is important to the Commission, Chairman Lyddy stated. He also stated: "If the process is going slowly, we want people to know why: We are working to do it the right way."

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45