



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PERMANENT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Minutes

March 13, 2014 @ 7:30PM

Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street Newtown
Old Courtroom

In Attendance: Commissioners Bacon, Brunetti, Burns, Engel, Krauss, Pavlidou Kyprianou,
Lewis, Chairman Lyddy, Vice Chairman Martin, Middeleer, Pinto & VanWaalwijk
Staff: Lynn Kovack

Public Participation: No members of the public present

Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2014 Minutes Approved
February 27, 2014 Minutes Approved

FOI update/Recap:

Chairman Lyddy attended a FOI Seminar recently that he went over. He stated the biggest thing he took out of it was:

Anything that 2 people discuss through email, mail, etc. is considered open to a FOI request and it can be tracked.

9/11 Memorial Commission Recap/Discussion:

Chairman Lyddy reached out to President & CEO Joe Daniels to Thank him for his visit and discussion he had with the Commission. The information was very impressive. Mr. Daniels is willing to help when it comes time to work on Fundraising, Contest entries and anything else the Commission can use his help with. He will send all guidelines and how they approached it (contest) and he is willing to share it with us. Commission will be starting a website with information on contest information once it is finalized.

Resource Consolidation-Update from Commissioner Krauss:

Commissioner Krauss went over a spreadsheet with item the Commission has received from people combined with items received from Newtown Cultural Arts. He categorized items on spreadsheet such as: Buildings, offers, family offers, funds, paintings, sculptures, etc. The books Commissioner Krauss put together will be a great resource.

Communication Plan update:

After speaking with Mr. Daniels about 9/11, the Commission will be putting up a website. It will be very generic to start. It will be called SandyHookPermanentMemorial. Will have our Mission Statement on it and will also be starting a facebook page. These will be helpful on getting information out to the public and help with fundraising, etc.

Questions for families-update/discussion from Commissioners Middeleer/Pavlidou Kyprianou:

Sarah went over her outline of questions for the families. After lengthy discussion a questionnaire will be finalized and sent out to the families. It will have a deadline date to keep things moving along. The families can opt out and not be contacted. They will have the option to contact the Commission at any time with their ideas and comments. A subcommittee was formed with Commissioners Pinto, Bacon, Lewis and Engel. They will reach out to the families to invite them to Aprils meeting for an informal meet and greet. This will allow them the opportunity to give their input to the memorial.

Miscellaneous:

The website was discussed

Commissioners Martin, VanWaalwijk and Pinto will reach out to First Selectman Pat Llodra and Deputy Land Use Director Rob Sibley regarding properties and open space locations in town for the Memorial.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM