



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission Minutes

July 10, 2014 @ 7:30 PM
Municipal Center- Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street, Newtown

In Attendance: Commissioners Bacon, Brunetti, Burns, Krauss, Chairman Lyddy, Vice Chairman Martin,
Middeler, Pinto and VanWaalwijk
Staff: Lynn Kovack

Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2014 Minutes Approved

Communication Plan Update

- **Website/Logo** - Commissioner Lyddy has had steady contact with Comm. Burns who is working on our website. He showed a skeleton of programming all information like Contacts, charge and our Mission Statement. Kyle will contact Yolie (she documented all items that were sent to the Town) regarding using some items she documented on the website. The Commission is also working on a Logo which will help identify us.
- **Q & A for Community**- Kyle went over document on Q & A's for the Community. He will make changes/updates and will then forward to the Bee for publishing.

Public Participation

- Lisa Barrett presented a proposal for the "Sandy Hook Memorial Fountain". She went through the process on how she came up with the idea for the fountain. She reached out to others to make it a reality. She outlined the fountain that will have a Quartz base, Water, Iris flowers (metal), butterflies (metal) and flower beds and benches. She stated she has people who have stated they will maintain for lifetime of the fountain at no charge. Commission thanked her for her impressive presentation. Kyle explained we are still in the gathering stages and would not be able to accept at this time. He told Lisa that if and when decisions are made he would update her. It was also explained if Commission accepted proposal it would go through the permit process and follow and zoning regulations.

Reports

- **Family Outreach Update**- 2 families have opted out of Communications at this time. Commissioners Middeler and Pavlidou-Kyprianou will meet with the Wheeler family. Will leave lines of Communications open to families and update monthly

- **First Responders-** Kyle has done follow ups with the different dept.

Newtown Police- Chief Kehoe has reminded officers during Roll Call and will now leave it up to his officers.

EMS- Still waiting on feedback

SHFD- Chief Halstead will get a list of Committee he set up for Opinions and Feedback. Once he gives us list

Commissioners Middelcer and Pavlidou-Kyprianou will meet with the Committee for feedback.

State Police- Waiting on responses at this time on officers and particular officers/detectives that were contacted.

- **School-** No new updates at this time due to Graduation/Summer etc. Superintendent reassured the reconstruction of the database to ensure we have name of Students who have moved onto new schools.

Confirmation of Outreach Plan/Groups Associated

- Commissioner Lyddy stated that this is an ongoing process and made sure we had all people we need to contact on the list with the other Commissioners

Permanent Memorial Nature/Design Possibilities

- **Brainstorm Further/Narrow Options-** Kyle discussed the Design/Outreach Possibilities list he gave to Commissioners. He stated that John Norwell with Newtown Alumni Association is still willing to work with us to help make this a reality. This is an ongoing process

Miscellaneous

- **Location Update-** No new updates at this time on a location. Commissioner Lyddy will reach out to Governor Malloy's office to introduce our Commission. He will inform him that Newtown Alumni Association is not part of our Commission as they are looking for State Land and our Commission may be looking at same property. Commission will continue to look at options for Land.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18PM

These minutes are subject to Approval of the Commission