



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 7:30 pm
Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT
Council Chambers

In Attendance: Joann Bacon, Steffan Burns, Brian Engel, Daniel Krauss, Agni Pavlidou- Kyprianou, Scarlett Lewis, Kyle Lyddy (Chairman), Alan Martin (Vice Chairman), Tricia Pinto and Donna VanWaalwijk

Staff Present: Lynn Kovack (Clerk)
Called to order at 7:34p.m.

Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2015 Approved (M) Martin (2nd) Burns with all in favor

Public Participation: Rhonda Collins from Sandy Hook asked the Commission a couple questions on whether it will be indoor or outdoor and benches that were donated to the Town. Kyle explained it is an ongoing process and that we are looking at sites now that the weather is nicer. We will also meet with the families and discuss what has been gathered to date. This is an ongoing process. Richmond Jones was on hand if anyone had questions on his Sandy Hook Memorial Park Design/Concept.

Location Approach/Inventory/Outreach Process Next Steps/Land Consideration/Private Land Outreach

Alan told Commission that he, Tricia and Donna met with Rob Sibley who he stated has been very valuable in helping with the land locations. He went over the sites they have looked at up to date like the Dayton Street area, ETH back lot, SAC field and other sites. He went over the pros and cons and stated they will be going out to look at other additional sites shortly now that the weather is nicer. Alan is hoping by the end of the spring to have the top 3 potential sites to come back to the Commission with. He will be meeting with the Newtown Forest Association on May 7th for possibilities and will also meet with the FHA Liaison to discuss possible sites. This is an ongoing process.

Discussion of Design Criteria/ Consideration Process Presentations moving forward- 9/11 Competition Criteria- Judges/ Panel for Consideration

Kyle discussed the ongoing presentations and whether we should continue if we will be doing an anonymous competition. Is a competition the right way to go? Do we keep anonymous to find the right person. One con is length of time. Kyle also gave and went over the 9/11 Memorial Competition Guidelines. Design Concept Submission vs Competition. How do we want to word it. These are all ongoing discussions and will continue at the next meeting. We will meet with families on April 29th for update. A sub Committee of Sarah, Steffan, Dan and Agni will work on a Format/template for submissions if we go with the Competition route.

Discussion on next steps of Family Outreach
Re-engaging 26 families

Kyle said we will be meeting with the families on the 29th for an update. We will submit and show them what we have so far for their input and engage in conversation. This meeting will be for keeping the families in the loop on where the Commission is in the process so far. We will continue to get information out to the public and Kyle is working on another Q & A to go over at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. (M) Martin (2nd) Burns with all approved

These minutes are subject to approval of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission
Kindly submitted by Lynn Kovack (Clerk)