



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission
Town Hall South Explorer's Room
3 Main Street, Newtown CT
Thursday, September 10, 2015 @ 7:30PM
Minutes

In Attendance: Joann Bacon, Joanne Brunetti, Brian Engel, Daniel Krauss(8:01pm), Agni Pavlidou Kyprianou, Kyle Lyddy (Chairman), Alan Martin(Vice Chairman), Sarah Middleleer, Tricia Pinto and Donna VanWaalwijk
Staff: Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)

Called to order at 7:33PM

Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2015 approved (M) Alan (2nd) J. Brunetti with all in favor

Public Participation: No public participation (Our friend Richmond Jones was here to observe)

Location Approach:

Alan went through the site selection sheets. He then reviewed the pros and cons of each property. Alan, Tricia and Donna met with Rob Sibley in Zoning last week and after review they came up with the 3 top sites. Alan told of the pros and cons of each site. For the Dayton street area- If the old garage on Glen Road was taken down and used for parking, that would alleviate traffic on Dayton Street. The Street Scape plans on continuing down Glen Road toward the Dayton Street Bridge. High Meadow area- Lots of parking access, can use municipal lighting and there is water along the campus area. Deep Brook area- 36 acres, behind Reed school, would need public access from Commerce Road and would need water, electricity and parking would need to be done. Alan stated we will let the families know of our 3 options. This way they can visit sites and then invite them to the October meeting to answer any of their questions they may have. We will provide the families with PDF maps prior to the October meeting.

Design Selection:

Agni and Sarah talked about the research they did on Memorials with Steffan. Sarah looked into VA Tech- Sarah stated there was not too much to take from away except the transparency. Steffan research the Tucson tragedy and found lots of parallel's and talked with some people on the Memorial Commission. There were similarities on how we organized ourselves and how they approached things. They went into the process knowing a Memorial would be built and had a site which was going to be used. We didn't know if we were going to have a Memorial at first. Their process was slow and deliberate which is what we have done. When a proposal was sent out it went to the general public and trade organizations with specific emphasis on the trade organizations. They had 60 designs submitted and relied on the selection panelist who narrowed it down to 4. The 4 were then submitted to the Board of Directors. They were then give stipends to see the sites and come up with the idea. They then met with the Commissioners and did their presentations and invited the Board of Directors and the public to see presentations. They then gave 30 days for public comments if any and then chose their design this past spring. The Board of Directors selected the panelists and all four designs that were chosen came from a professional firm. The Sub Committees will come up with a proposal for the commission. A Step by Step model to use as our research.

Fundraising Discussion and Efforts Surrounding Financial Account

Kyle reached out to the groups that have pledged to help out. Groups like the Lions Club, Newtown Alumni, Newtown Memorial Fund, Sandy Hook School Foundation, Inc and many others. Joanne Brunetti will reach out to Christal Preszler (Town's Grant Coordinator) for some direction. Kyle gave them an update to keep our name out there and give them an update on where we are at this point. Kyle will keep them updated Monthly to keep them in the loop.

Miscellaneous:

Donna went to visit the Columbine Memorial while in the area. She said it is near a Town Park. You drive in through the park which has picnic tables, etc. She showed many pictures of the site including the landscape. She said it was a very meaningful, healing wall. It is a very mature Memorial as it was done 16 years ago. It is a very personal Memorial. The wall has many quotes from people like parents, students and or anyone who wanted to write a quote. It gave her a good feeling there and a lot of effort was put into it.

Kyle showed information from Ct Education Association on the Sandy Hook Memorial of a teacher and 3 students which is being housed at the State Capital. They have offered it to the Sandy Hook Memorial to possibly incorporate into the Memorial in some way and or at the Library. Kyle would like the families to look over and give their input.

Kyle will make an appt with Pat regarding things still coming in and how we should handle it. It is not part of our charge. Do we accept it and store it to use at a later date. We may be able to keep in our inventory but would like to confirm after meeting with Pat Llodra.

With no other discussions the meeting was adjourned at 9:43PM

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MEMORIAL COMMISSION**