

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Committee

Site Selection Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – Revised to reflect correct meeting date

May 19, 2016

Committee members in attendance: Alan Martin, Tricia Pinto and Donna Van Waalwijk met with George Benson in his office to discuss and visit possible alternate sites for the Permanent Memorial.

Alan first addressed the letter that Mary Wilson sent to him with regards to some other areas that she thought could possibly work. We reviewed her suggestions. (Letter attached.)

George Benson took us to the three sites located adjacent to the walking trails of Fairfield Hills. The first site #1 at the end of the cul de sac was visited. We all found it to be too close to Wasserman Way and very noisy from significant traffic.

Next we looked at site #3, the wooded area to the right of the walking trail if one were walking up it. We discussed that the treed area was attractive, but concluded that it was too close to a very active ball field (in close proximity) and it was also too close to the walking trail with no real view.

Following, we looked at Site #2 which was to the left of the walking trail if one were walking up it. We concluded that the field was very suitable, and there was a pleasant view, but this, too, is open space and we felt there would be no significant difference between this and the High Meadow site as far as possible objections. We also could still hear the traffic from Wasserman Way. The High Meadow site is more secluded and would be preferable to Site #2.

At the end of our May 18 review, we drove to town owned property near Ferris Farm, directly off Route 302. We walked into the wooded area. This piece of property was heavily wooded and serene, with a limited view, but we felt it was too disconnected and too far from Sandy Hook. Security issues would also be a concern.

George Benson is in contact with the State of CT regarding property located on Rocky Glen State Park, and a parcel located off Wasserman Way at the bottom of Nunnawauk Road and will get back to us as to the feasibility of these two properties.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alan Martin, Chair Site Selection Sub Committee