



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission
Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street, Newtown Connecticut
Thursday September 8, 2016 @ 7:30 PM
Minutes

In Attendance: Joanne Bacon, Joanne Brunetti, Brian Engel, Kyle Lyddy, Alan Martin,
Sarah Middeleer, Agni Pavlidou Kyprianou, Tricia Pinto, Donna VanWaalwijk
Staff: Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)

Called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Kyle Lyddy

Moment of Silence

Public Participation: Richmond Jones just reminded people to look at his concept which is on display in the hall of the Municipal Center with the Cultural Arts displays.

Site Selection Update/Discussion (Pootatuck Club Site Visit/Soil Testing Discussion)

Kyle discussed site visits and meeting with Bruce Clark regarding the Potatuck Club and what they do on the property. They do skeet shooting, deer hunting and pheasant hunting there. After shots were fired from the Potatuck property it was determined that shots could be heard, although faintly and in the distance. Some were more prominent than others. This is nothing the Commission and or family members would want to hear while at the Memorial. Initially Alan said they felt it had many features and was very attractive site but had the Commission known about the club in the adjacent property ahead of time the Commission would not have focused on it. Kyle stated would the Commission feel good about the site is the first question. Kyle's opinion is not what he would want to hear at this site and stated again that the Commission was not notified of the private club being where it is. Many Commissioners agreed the site is inappropriate for the Memorial. Kyle had also spoke to the Warden regarding a driving range on site. At this time the site is going to be eliminated due to many factors.

Kyle made motion to remove Nunnawauk Road site at this time. Alan (2nd) all approved
Kyle stated at this time the soil testing would be null and void since site is being eliminated

Alan proceeded to discuss the SAC Fields on Riverside Road in Sandy Hook. He discussed the upper and lower meadows on the property which is approximately 6 acres of property. Alan met with George Lockwood Sr. who will get Alan information on the property. Alan stated it is a natural setting, it is in Sandy Hook and fits a lot of the criteria Commission is looking for. Brian wants to make sure our due diligence is done because Commission wants to make sure that access would not be an issue to the site. He also thought that the Newtown Search and Rescue were concerned when the new Sandy Hook School was being designed and access. Alan stated there is potential for the SAC field property to work. Alan will set up a site walk for Commissioners to explore the site. He will try and set up walk for September 14th at 6:00PM. Alan will also see if George Benson and George Lockwood Sr. will join in. He is very encouraged with the site location.

Communication to the Commission

Dennis Stratford who works in the BOE warehouse on Trades lane sent in correspondence that a huge wind chime came in from New Mexico to be added to our Inventory list. BOE is not planning on using it at the new school. Joanne Brunetti will look at it and get catalogued and into the inventory for the SHPMC.

Miscellaneous

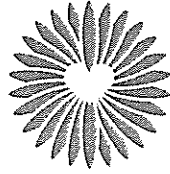
Kyle stated at this time the location will be focused on. The design selection guidelines will be on hold until location is all set. Kyle will circulate it again to the Commissioners and adjustments can be made as needed.

Our thoughts are with Dan Krauss at this time and he will be out for a bit. That will not mess up the Commission as they still have enough members to make a quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM Kyle (M) Alan (2nd) with all in favor

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SANDY HOOK PERMANENT MEMORIAL COMMISSION



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Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission Site Visit Meeting Minutes

Potatuck Club / Nunnawauk Way

Tuesday, September 6th at 6PM

In Attendance: George Benson (Land Use), Bruce Clark (Potatuck Club Manager), Kyle Lyddy, Alan Martin, Donna Van Waalwijk, Steffan Burns, Joanne Brunetti, Tricia Pinto, Sarah Mideleer

Potatuck Club

Commission members met with Bruce Clark, Club Manager of the Potatuck Club to talk about the usage of their land, which is adjacent to one of the locations being considered for the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial.

The Potatuck Club has a private, exclusive membership consisting of 50 individuals who fish and hunt on-site. The land is used for skeet shooting, deer hunting and pheasant hunting. Skeet shooting takes place in skeet fields on the property throughout the year. The frequency of the shooting is unknown as there is no consistent schedule. Pheasant and deer hunting is limited to 5 weeks in the fall and winter months.

An auditory test of shooting from the skeet fields to the proposed location of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial was completed. A little over a dozen test shots were fired in an effort to understand the audible impact of the shots from the proposed site location. (Nunnawauk Road). It was determined that shots could be heard, although faintly and in the distance. Some were more prominent than others.

Shooting is heavier in the fall and winter months and with the potential for trees being a bit more bare, it could have a larger impact.

It was discussed that the mentality of being at a memorial and having the potential of hearing gun shots would be extremely concerning. It was also noted that wherever the memorial may be in the Community has the potential of hearing shots fired from hunters and recreation use in town.

It was discussed that the Memorial Commission has no intent at this time of asking the Potatuck Club to change their culture to accommodate us. The informational session was about grounding the Commission on the location being considered and fully grasping the pros and cons to the land.

We're appreciative of Bruce Clark and the Potatuck Club for accommodating our group and being open and informative.

Nunnawauk Road Site Visit

After getting a tutorial of the Potatuck Club, the Commission made its way to Nunnawauk Road. Here some Commissioners entered the wooded area where a memorial is being considered. Some individuals described the location as quaint and would be an appropriate location with accessible infrastructure as needed.

The further you walk up toward Wasserman Way (toward the prison), the quieter the land gets from the Wasserman Way vehicular noise.

It was discussed that there would be some concerns about the memorial being so close to the prison.

George Benson touched on the soil testing needed to be done on the land as there is an incinerator that live son the property. Should the Commission not deem this site to be appropriate due to the activities on the surrounding land, the Commission will not move forward with soil testing.

The Commission will regroup at their next meeting (9/8) to discuss findings from the site visit.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kyle Lyddy, Chairman of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission