

Newtown plans hilltop memorial for Sandy Hook victims

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A 12-member group in charge of the memorial will now undertake a similarly deliberate process of setting the design parameters and seeking proposals.

“We are going to put a specific timeline in place with dates that we would like to see the proposals by,” said [Kyle Lyddy](#), chairman of the [Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission](#). “So we expect to see something in 2016, but we have always said that there is no timetable, so if we need to change plans, we will.”

The group, which includes family members of victims killed at the school, has already met with the town’s [Conservation Commission](#), [Police Commission](#) and [Parks and Recreation Commission](#) about a preliminary proposal that would use less than an acre of the hilltop for the actual memorial, and a path leading to several parking spaces.