



Q&A #1- Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission

The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission has begun its outreach process and will be communicating with different groups in the community over the next several months. Although it has yet to be determined if a memorial will be constructed in the community, the Commission will continue its information gathering regarding this topic. We are committed to collaborating and involving the 26 families who may want to be a part of this process, while honoring the sensitivity of the topic. We will continue this series of Q&A's as information becomes available, however we welcome the public to reach out with any questions that are not answered on this initial document. You may do so by emailing SandyHookPermanentMemorial@gmail.com.

QUESTION	ANSWER
What is the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission is a group of twelve Newtown residents appointed by the Newtown Board of Selectman in September of 2013.• The twelve residents are expected to lead the community through the process of determining if a permanent memorial should be constructed and if so, making a recommendation on the nature, location and funding of a permanent memorial(s).
What is the mission of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The mission of the Permanent Memorial Commission is to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman for a Permanent Memorial that remembers, honors and celebrates those 26 who died as a result of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and serves to provide comfort to those who loved and were touched by them.
Who will the Permanent Memorial Commission be soliciting information from regarding this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase I: The Commission's priority is to assure the 26 families are fully engaged in our process. The Commission communicates updates to the 26 families on a monthly basis and will keep them engaged from start to finish on how plans progress.• Phase II*: Gathering of information and engaging the Teachers & Staff who were in Sandy Hook Elementary School on 12/14, Parents of Students in Sandy Hook Elementary School on 12/14 and First Responders (NPD, Dispatchers, EMS, SHFD & CT State Police).• Phase III*: The Newtown community will have an opportunity to share thoughts on the topic in public settings• Phase IV: The dialogue and collaboration will continue with the 26 families at this time. Discussions on our information gathering will take place prior to the Commission making a recommendation to the Board of Selectman <p>*These phases have been positioned to assist in our information gathering stage. The phases are fluid and will</p>

	<p>overlap. There will be multiple opportunities for each group to collaborate with our Commission. Those groups positioned in Phase II and Phase III who want to participate will have adequate public warning as to when our Commission is prepared to discuss these matters.</p>
<p>What is the timetable of the commission's work?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission is moving at an appropriate pace and there is no timetable associated with the completion of our work.
<p>Has the Commission endorsed any plan that has been presented?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite many plans and ideas presented there has not been any design or location for a Permanent Memorial endorsed by the Commission.
<p>Are the meeting minutes posted after each meeting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, meeting minutes are posted under the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission section of the Town of Newtown website after each meeting.
<p>How frequently does the Commission meet?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in the chamber at the Newtown Municipal Center. The meetings are open to the public.
<p>How can I contact the Commission?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are multiple ways for you to communicate with the Commission as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You may email SandyHookPermanentMemorial@gmail.com to correspond directly with the Chairman of the Commission, Kyle Lyddy. ○ You may keep in touch through social media on Twitter (@SHPermMemorial) and Facebook (Facebook.com/SandyHookPermanentMemorial). ○ A website is currently being built and will be posted when it has been published.