



Sandy Hook
Permanent
Memorial
Commission

**Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission
Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PERMANENT MEMORIAL
COMMISSION

The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. Dan Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and began with a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Dan Krauss, JoAnne Bacon, Brian Engel, Pat Llodra, Sarah Middeleer, Alan Martin, Agni Pavilidou Kyprianou, Tricia Pinto, Donna Van Waalwijk

ABSENT: Joanne Brunetti

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: P. Llodra moved to accept the minutes of Nov. 25, 2019. A. Martin seconded. All in favor.

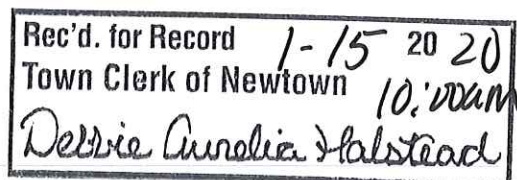
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

APPROVAL OF 2020 MEETING CALENDAR: It was noted by Dan Krauss and First Selectman Rosenthal that meetings would only be held as necessary from this point forward. P. Llodra moved the 2020 meeting calendar (att.). D. Van Waalwijk seconded. All in favor.

STATUS UPDATE: First Selectman Rosenthal gave a status update on the project. Given the consensus from the last meeting relative to the redesign, SWA is proceeding with the design as presented. They were hoping to get contracts done prior to the holidays but First Selectman Rosenthal expects that they should be done in the next few weeks. The plan is to have the project in position to have on the ballot in November 2020, which means all approvals by various fiscal bodies would have to be in place by the end of August 2020.

JoAnn Bacon asked if seating was eliminated around the central element. The group explained it was scaled back but not eliminated.

Tricia Pinto suggested the possibility of using the stone benches that were donated and in the possession of a local resident to line the path down to the memorial in alphabetical order. The size specifications for the benches need to be given to SWA.



Pat Llodra expressed concerns relative to the schedule. First Selectman Rosenthal responded that it is tight but SWA is motivated to get it done and the town government will do everything it can to move it along as well. Goal is for November 2020 and worst case scenario would be a referendum at a later date.

Brian Engel asked who would be the spokesperson for the group during a process of public engagement. First Selectman Rosenthal said it is a Board of Selectmen project and while the SHPMC would serve as a great resource during the public process that the group should not feel pressure to lead the effort and he would shoulder much of that load.

Agni Pavilidou Kyprianou asked if they could see samples of materials and decide on their uses perhaps via a sub-committee during design development. First Selectman Rosenthal was reluctant to put a sub-committee structure in place but did pledge to bring substantive design questions to the SHPMC for consideration. He will ask SWA to provide samples of materials.

JoAnn Bacon said we need to let the project move forward and cautioned against micro-managing it.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Att.: 2020 Meeting Calendar

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, clerk



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2020 Meeting Schedule

The **Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission** will hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown:

January 9

February 13

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

No meeting in December

January 14, 2021