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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

Present: Don Mitchell, Barbara Manville, Roy Meadows, Corinne Cox, Dennis Bloom, Andrew Marone, Gregory Rich

Absent: David Rosen

Staff: George Benson, Director of Planning, and Helen Fahey, Clerk

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Hearings

Discussion of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial

The discussion of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial was deferred to Mr. Benson because the landscape architects did not attend the meeting. He explained that because the commission approved the funding (8-24 referral) for the memorial, we were reviewing the plans as a courtesy to all commissioners.

Mr. Meadows noticed the centerpiece tree changed from a sycamore to a bloodgood london plane tree. There was a lot of significance and symbolism placed on the tree, so he wanted to know the reason behind the change.

Mr. Benson said we can send a memo to the applicants to get an answer.

Mr. Meadows was curious about the plans for winterizing the fountain and if antifreeze would be used as that would cause concern for contamination.

Ms. Cox wanted to know who would maintain the memorial.

Mr. Benson stated Parks and Rec would be maintaining the area.

Mr. Mitchell asked if there would be more than one access way.

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Copies of applications and documents are on file at the Land Use Agency.*

Ms. Cox thought that two access ways were required for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Benson said it was not required but there will be a back gravel access way for construction that will stay open so it can act as a second emergency entrance.

The commissioners agreed that the discussion will be rescheduled, so the landscape architects can give an official presentation of the plans.

Minutes

Mr. Marone asked that the word “Legislature” on page 3 be changed to “Legislation”. With no further discussion on the amendments, Mr. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 1, 2021 as amended. Ms. Cox seconded. All were in favor and the minutes from the meeting of July 1, 2021 were approved as amended.

Adjournment

Mr. Marone moved to adjourn, Mr. Bloom seconded. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Helen Fahey, Clerk*