



Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PERMANENT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions. Alan Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and began with a moment of silence.

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

ABSENT: Joanne Brunetti, Brian Engel

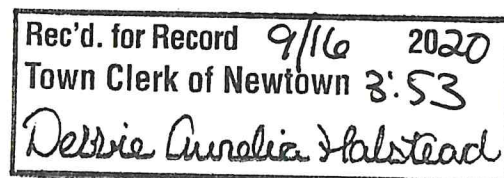
ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Daniel Affleck and Ben Waldo, of SWA, Elisabeth Lein of Artemis, Jeff Anderson of Downes Construction, one member of the public and one member of the press.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: P. Llodra moved to accept the minutes of May 14, 2020. D. Krauss seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

SANDY HOOK PERMANENT MEMORIAL project update: First Selectman Rosenthal stated the design is progressing, the plans are in the Land Use office and Downes Construction has been hired as the construction manager for the pre-construction work. Dan Affleck said there is a 50% design development set that will be available at the Land Use department. He presented slides showing some changes and would like feedback on the Obama quote. The height of walls are limited for cost reduction and are meant to resemble a Connecticut stone wall. There will be predominately gravel paving, which will return to cobble closer to the center of the memorial feature. Artemis is looking at focusing on the plantings and has visited the site with the construction manager and JMC relative to cleaning up the ponds. There is a gradation of stone from the bench to the names, from dark to light, creating a ripple effect. The pathway budget was reduced but the value around the center feature was kept. SWA is working with a company on the essence of the project, lighting up the sycamore tree and feature lighting. Dan Affleck detailed the flow of the candles. Ben Waldo went over set drawings including the grading utility plan, the storm water strategy and bringing electric to the site. The wood decks are thermally treated wood. Artemis is working with SWA to divide the site into zones relative to soil, slope and pond areas. The shrubs, perennials and trees were reviewed. There will be a green giant arborvitae screening along the driveway. The site lighting assumes dawn to dusk with a lot of lighting along the path and pools of light spaced along the way so you can always see where you are going on the site. It will feel more rural and appropriate. Downes has been very helpful in terms of the understanding of getting power and water to the site. All of the local consultants have been very supportive and engaged.

In answer to questions, the welcome and retaining wall will be granite and stone and a metal panel will contain sacred soil. Elisabeth Lein stated there is an effort to use natives whenever possible and others will be integrated for color. Plantings will be appropriate to a woodland setting. First Selectman Rosenthal will check with Land Use on the property transfer easement relative to driveway access from the private residence. Ben Waldo doesn't believe there will be a weed issue around the stacked stones at the main memorial feature. There will be typical maintenance, but nothing excessive. A sample of the stone will be sent to the Land Use department. The basin of



the fountain will likely be polished. JoAnn Bacon is happy to see the integrity of the design has remained intact and asked about washout, weeds and maintenance. SWA is following the National Parks Successful Trails Guidelines; all options were reviewed. The gravel being used is optimized for New England weather conditions, for the least amount of washout as possible. The maintenance required will be every several years. At the transitional point there will be a solid concrete base; the stone cobbles will always be in place. The gravel felt appropriate in a woodland site and enhances the experience.

Next steps include a cost estimate and a mock up. The mock up will be in CT and the plan is to allow commission members to visit. There will also be a perennial meadow mock up in the fall, with soil testing and seeding to see what comes up in the spring and thrives.

The commission expressed excitement over the progress of the project.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by P. Llodra to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06p.m was seconded by S. Middeleer. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, clerk