



**Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission
Newtown High School Lecture Hall
12 Berkshire Road, Sandy Hook, CT**

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PERMANENT
MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in the Newtown High School Lecture Hall. Chairman Lyddy called the meeting to order at 7:35pm and began with a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Kyle Lyddy, Joann Bacon, Joanne Brunetti, Brian Engel, Dan Krauss, Agni Pavlidou Kyrianiou, Alan Martin, Sarah Middleleer, Tricia Pinto, Donna Van Waalwijk

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Advisory Panel: Allison Bials, Pat Llodra, Bob Mitchell, Shavaun Towers, two members of the public and one member of the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Krauss moved to accept the minutes of 11/9/17. Ms. Van Waalwijk seconded. All in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF ADVISORY PANEL: Pat Llodra is the former First Selectman for the Town of Newtown; Allison Bails is from the advisory panel from the 9/11 memorial & museum; Shavaun Towers is a landscape architect; Bob Mitchell is the Chair of Public Building & Site and a resident of Sandy Hook for 30 years. The commission members also introduced themselves.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS: There are 188 designs that have been submitted, each will be evaluated. The options will be to keep, remove or hold for further discussion. Inland Wetlands will review all final designs. Phase 1-A is to evaluate the designs, Phase 1B is to cull down to 12-15 designs with the Commission, the Advisory Panel and with feedback from the 26 families. Phase II will be design evaluations of 3-5 submissions. The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission decides if a design will go forward; the advisors will help the decision making with their expertise.

The commission began evaluating and discussing designs and decided to make note of design aspects that they liked whether or not a particular design was approved. Such aspects include, but are not limited to, continuous benches rather than sporadically placed benches, the Obama quote for a historical aspect, a sacred soil memorial tree, accessibility, a kiosk, having all names in a central location, personalization for each victim, natural trails and pathways, a boardwalk and good ecology plants. Ms. Bails suggested each commission member being allowed a passion vote. If one person feels passionately about a design that the rest of the commission rejects, a passion vote would keep it in the running.

The following designs were unanimously voted on to eliminate from consideration:

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SH53

SH19 vote to eliminate was not unanimous; Mr. Engel voted for this design.

The commission unanimously voted to keep SH37 for consideration saying that the whole site focuses on the memorial. It is feasible but would need to be simplified to fit the budget.

Note: all design proposals will be on the website for public viewing within a week.

DATES: The evaluation process will continue on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 in the NHS Lecture Hall at 7:30pm. Mr. Lyddy moved addition dates for design review of Jan. 17, Jan. 18 and Feb. 7, at 7:00pm, location to be determined. Mr. Krauss seconded. All in favor. February 8, 2018 is a regularly scheduled meeting already on the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the special meeting at 9:55pm. Ms. Van Waalwijk seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Marcinek, clerk