



**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, April 12, 2018 at the Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and began with a moment of silence.

PRESENT: First Selectman Rosenthal, Joann Bacon, Brian Engel, Dan Krauss, Sarah Middleleer, Agni Pavilidou Kyprianou, Alan Martin, Tricia Pinto, Donna Van Waalwijk

ABSENT: Joanne Brunetti

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Mitchell, one member of the public and one member of the press.

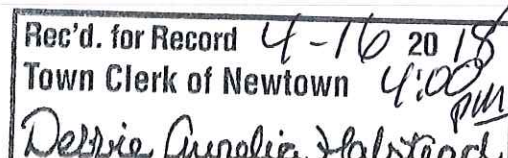
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Mr. Martin moved to accept the minutes of Feb. 8 and Feb. 13. Ms. Pinto seconded. All in favor. Mr. Krauss moved to accept the minutes of March 8. Ms. Van Waalwijk seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

DISCUSSION ON NEW CHAIRMAN: First Selectman Rosenthal expressed appreciation for the job Kyle Lyddy did as the chairman of the SHPMC and began discussion on whether the new chairman should be a member of the current commission or if a facilitator should be brought in to run the meetings. Mr. Martin thinks because of the nature of the group, how they have worked together and what has been accomplished, a commission member becoming chairman would be preferable. The role of the commission chairman is unique in that there is a lot of communication with the public; the chairman has been very involved and proactive. Mr. Engel echoed praise for Mr. Lyddy and understanding that Mr. Martin could not take over the role of Chairman suggested Pat Llodra, as she is familiar with the project. Ms. Pavilidou Kyprianou believes the chairman should be one of the current members. A decision on the new chairman will be made at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON NEW MEMBERS: Selectman Rosenthal would like to appoint Pat Llodra as an official member of the commission considering her history with the project and the process. Mr. Martin agreed, saying her willingness to serve will be appreciated. Ms. Pinto asked about Rob Sibley or George Benson, but they cannot serve as members as they are employees of the town.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY ON PHASE I-B DESIGNS: There was minimal community feedback. The commission discussed the family feedback noting that SH37 was the design that received overwhelming family response. Ms. Middleleer voiced concern about a sycamore in heated water. Ms. Pavilidou Kyprianou liked the concept and suggested asking the designer how it could be done. Mr. Martin agreed it was something that could be negotiated when meeting with the designer, if this was on the short list of chosen designs. Mr. Krauss was afraid it would require too much change in the design. SH179 also drew



a positive response from families. Ms. Middleleer voiced concerns about the effect the skywalk may have on the trees. Mr. Engel said the memorial area looks toward the parking lot. SH233 created response from the families. Some loved the void, some liked the design if the void wasn't part of it. The design evokes a lot of emotion, both positive and negative. Ms. Bacon thinks it might be more acceptable if there was a way to separate the two experience allowing people to go to the upper field and not have to experience the void if they didn't want to. It is a profound design. Mr. Krauss will put all email community feedback into a spreadsheet for review.

DECISION ON DESIGNS FOR PHASE II: The commission will review, on their own, the thirteen narratives and designs again and return for a special meeting on April 30 to discuss, and possibly vote on, what will be the top 3-5 designs. Mr. Mitchell said that none of the thirteen designs have 'fatal flaws' and are all workable designs. Once the short list is decided the designers will be contacted and interviewed. Mr. Mitchell said the advisory members are a resource for the commission. They will look at the reality of construction.

NEXT STEPS: The next steps were discussed under the discussion on designs for phase II. The advisory members will be invited once the commission gets to the final three designs.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25pm. Ms. Pavilidou Kyprianou seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Marcinek, clerk