



**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, October 8, 2020 at the Municipal Center, Council Chamber, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. Dan Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Dan Krauss, Alan Martin, JoAnn Bacon, Brian Engel (via phone), Pat Llodra, Sarah Middeleer, Agni Pavilidou Kyprianou, Tricia Pinto.

**ABSENT:** Joanne Brunetti, Donna Van Waalwijk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One members of the press.

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Martin moved the minutes of September 10, 2020. Ms. Llodra seconded. All in favor.

**Public Participation:** none.

**Discussion of Obama quote for inscription:** The Obama quote was originally included in another design; the commission liked it and wanted to include it in the final design. After group discussion on whether to include a full quote or an abbreviated quote and further discussion on grammar and punctuation Mr. Martin moved the full quote *"Here in Newtown, I come to offer the love and prayers of a nation. I am very mindful that mere words cannot match the depths of your sorrow, nor can they heal your wounded hearts. I can only hope it helps for you to know that you're not alone in your grief, that our world, too, has been torn apart, that all across this land of ours, we have wept with you."* The quote is to be followed by President Barack Obama, at Sandy Hook Interfaith Prayer Vigil, December 16, 2012. Ms. Llodra seconded. All in favor.

The quote adds a historical stamp to the memorial. Further discussion included a suggestion to tilt the inscription upward toward the reader. The way the names are represented on the 9/11 memorial was mentioned as a reference point for SWA.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Marcinek, clerk