



**Sandy Hook
Permanent
Memorial
Commission**

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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 special meeting on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. Dan Krauss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with a moment of silence.

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

ABSENT: JoAnn Bacon, Joanne Brunetti

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Daniel Affleck and Ben Waldo, of SWA, via phone, and two members of the press.

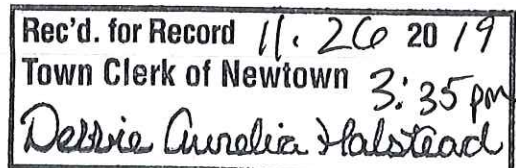
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: A. Martin moved to accept the minutes of Oct. 10, 2019.
D. Van Waalwijk seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

DESIGN REVISION – SWA: Daniel Affleck and Ben Waldo of SWA joined the meeting via phone and shared the Schematic Design Revision Review (att.). First Selectman Rosenthal and the commission expressed gratitude, found that the design captured the spirit and the essence of the design, included the critical elements and feel encouraged with the revisions. Following the presentation Mr. Affleck and Mr. Waldo answered questions. A cane guard is a 4 inch edge detail that a blind pedestrian will sense with their cane so they know not to step over it. The deck materials will be made of hard wood from farmed trees; will be durable for the exterior environment. The cobble is similar to pavers. The Obama quote will be on polished granite. SWA will be working with a graphic designer and will share versions with the commission. The forest understory was discussed relative to existing conditions. SWA is working with a horticulturist who was involved in the plantings at the London Olympics and is innovative in developing a strategy around weed control. A lot of thought it being put into the signage coming into the memorial. SWA is working with a talented graphic designer who is very excited about the project. There is no longer a wall along the edge near the entry. The existing trees will be maintained. There will be plantings; it will be a meaningful entry. The entry roadway is asphalt.

S. Middeleer offered to share contact information with SWA relative to the firm the commission used for the survey during the RFP process.

First Selectman Rosenthal said once the process is through advanced design, with better cost estimation there will be public meetings so the public can view what intends to be built. The process with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and the Legislative Council will happen in July/August in order to get it on the November ballot. He will circle back with SWA on the timeline and develop a calendar. Permitting process with DEEP or the Army Corp of Engineers can happen following a referendum.



There is no action required; this is a revision to the original design that has been previously approved. First Selectman Rosenthal asked the commission to review the presentation and send any questions, comments or concerns directly to him.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held Jan. 9, 2020.

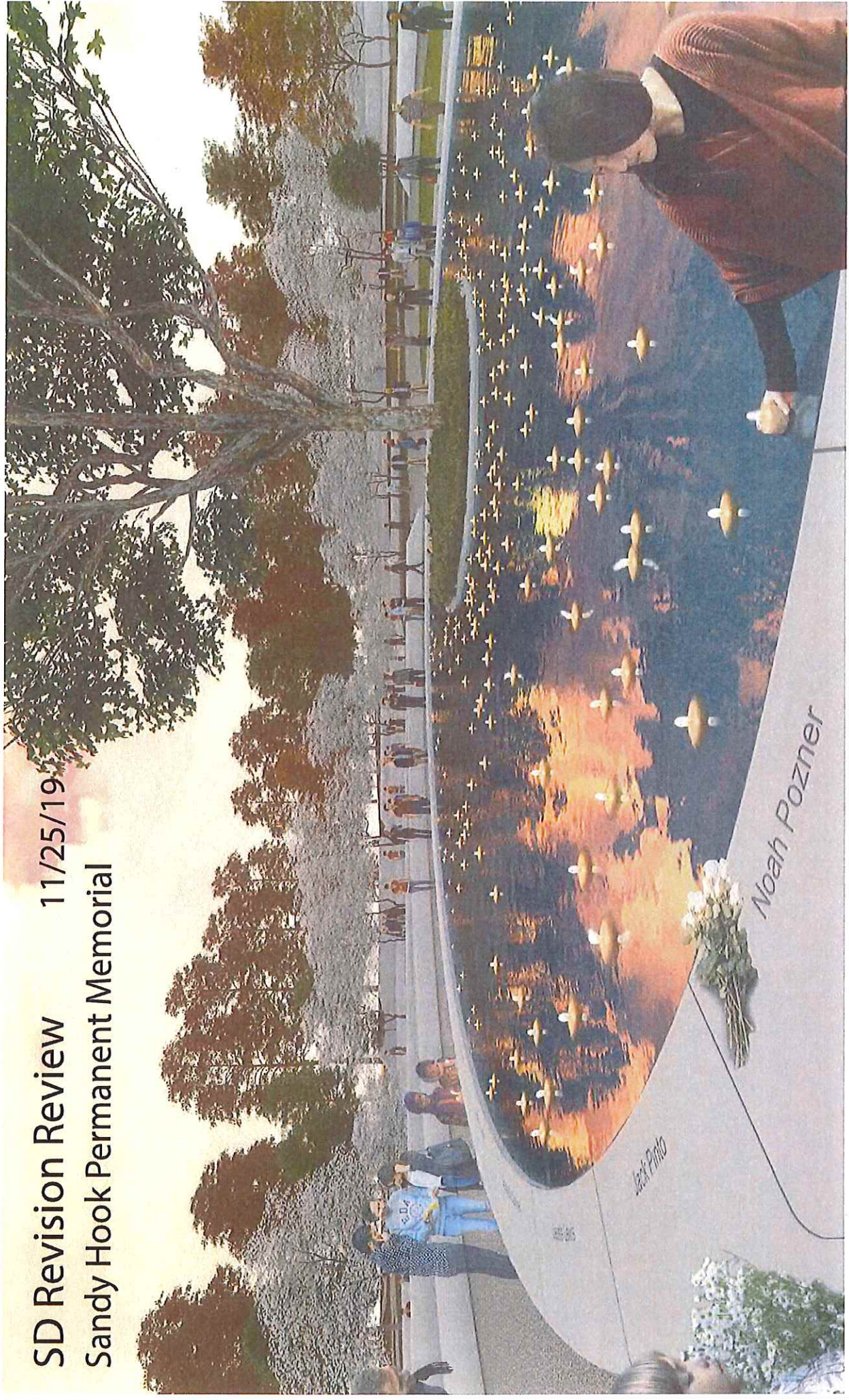
Att.: SD Revision Study 11/25/19

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, clerk

SD Revision Review

11/25/19

Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial



Schematic Design

Description:

- Remove Overlook
- Simplified Path Network
- Preserve 2 ponds
- 75% Wall Reduction
- Signage Element
- Security Gate and Fence
- Site Lighting

What the Commission liked:
(7/30)

- "core concept of the sycamore tree,"
- "the way in which the names were presented"
- "the simplicity of the design"
- "a true memorial element with complete use of land"
- "calming"
- "a New England feel that fits well in Newtown"



Schematic Revision
Option 4

Commission Critical Elements:

The Clearing/Sacred Sycamore
Paths
Bridges - Engaging Water
Ponds
Obama Quote



Braided Pathways

- Kept braided pathways
- Reduced pathway width from 6 feet to 5 feet
- Change material to compacted gravel (ADA accessible)



Pond Overlooks

-Wood deck areas with cane guard edge

-Larger deck at East Pond



Memorial Clearing

- 2 ft radius reduction on paved area
- 1 ft reduction of memorial feature
- No change to water feature mechanics

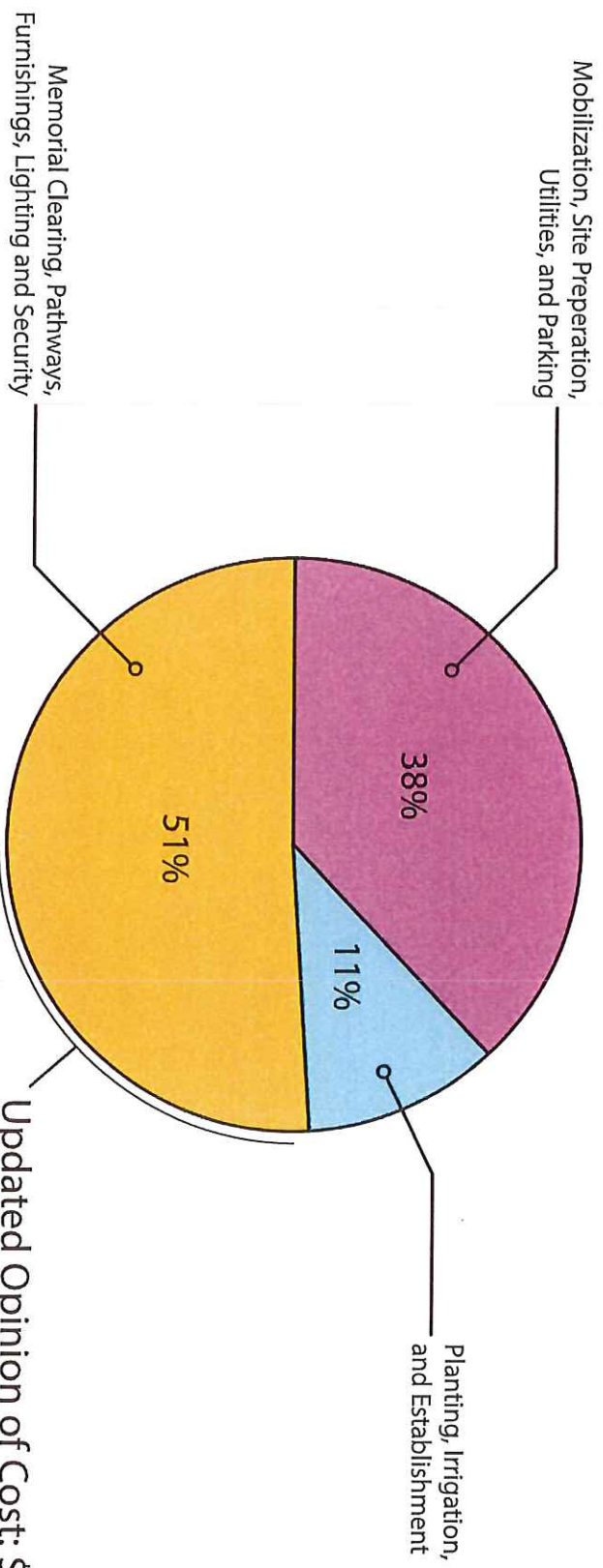


Overlook

- Removed Pavilion
- Reduced parking lot length creates additional garden space
- Obama plaque and seatwall incorporated at Overlook
- Maintained stone paving at overlook



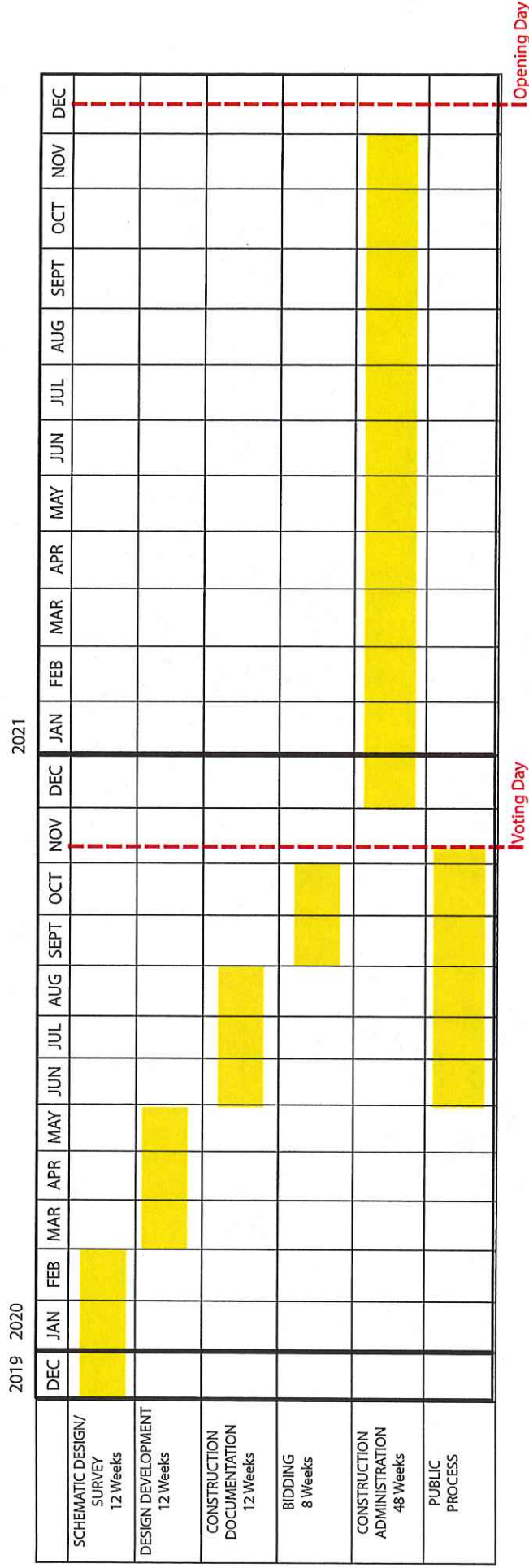
Cost Breakdown



Updated Opinion of Cost: \$2.79 M
+15% Contingency: \$419 K
+17% Total Consultant Fee: \$485K

TOTAL: \$3.69 M

Timeline



Project Benchmarks:

- 100% Schematic Design (Civil)
- 100% Design Development
- 100% Construction Documentation
- Contractor Bids Due
- Voting Day-Budget Approval
- 100% Construction Administration
- Project Opening

Critical Path:

- Site Survey
- Cost Estimator
- State/Town Entitlements?
- Army Core of Engineers

