The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission held a special meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 in Multipurpose Room 3 of the Newtown Community Center. First Selectman Dan Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. and began with a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Dan Krauss (via phone), JoAnn Bacon, Brian Engel, Pat Llodra, Sarah Middeleer, Tricia Pinto, Donna Van Waalwijk

ABSENT: Alan Martin, Joanne Brunetti, Agni Pavlidou Kyprianou

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and Daniel Affleck of SWA.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: P. Llodra moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2021. T. Pinto seconded. All in favor.

First Selectman Rosenthal congratulated the commission on the passing of the project at referendum; his sentiments were echoed by the commission.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

Discussion & Possible Action on Engraving Styles:
Dan Affleck noted the project is on track and will be underway in August. He then presented various font options and material for the Obama quote.

The group consensus for the name inscriptions was for the larger TT Ramillas (option 1) font. (att.)

The Obama quote will not include a welcome paragraph, the location of the speech made by President Obama will be added and there will be no map next to the quote. The consensus on the material for the Obama quote is Corten (att.).

First Selectman Rosenthal will circulate a sacred soil description for the commission to review.

There was also discussion around using some/all of the granite benches in the project.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by D. Van Waalwijk to adjourn the special meeting at 8:03 p.m. was seconded by S. Middeleer. All in favor.

Att: Font and Material images

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, clerk
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.”

Transcript of President Obama’s speech at the memorial vigil in honor of the victims of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary.
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