



**Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission  
Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chambers  
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, August 9, 2018 at the Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. Dan Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Dan Krauss, Joann Bacon, Tricia Pinto, Sarah Middeleer, Agni Pavlidou Kyprianou, Alan Martin and Pat Llodra

**ABSENT:** Joanne Brunetti, Brian Engel and Donna Van Waalwijk

**Acceptance of Minutes from July 30, 2018** – (M) Pat (2<sup>nd</sup>) Alan approved with corrections: remove the following sentence under Design Discussion SH37: Ms. Middeleer had concerns about the sycamore tree languishing, or dying, and wondered if the tree could be taken out of the water and put on the edge. She suggested a London plane tree instead of a sycamore.

**Public Participation:** No Public Participation. Alan did point out that he has been receiving many requests for interviews in the last 2 days. Approximately 7 requests. Sarah discussed a press release and Dan Krauss stated that Dan Rosenthal was prepared to do so after talking with the Board of Selectman. Tricia pointed out that she saw an article in the Washington Post that was very inaccurate with quotes and that a press release would clarify things.

**Review of Commission Mission Statement**

Dan pointed out there was questions on the 27<sup>th</sup> bench and that he wanted to review the Mission Statement. Alan pointed out that the Commission had accomplished the task of the Statement. Pat suggested that it is a very powerful statement stating what we are doing and why we are doing it and to remind the Commission of what their work is. Joann pointed out that it needs to be available because a question was asked by a parent and couldn't be answered. She stated we need to have it handy and to discuss at each meeting and keep on agenda as a reminder

**Discussion of Design SH37 Costs-** Tabled

**Motion to the Board of Selectman (M) Dan (2<sup>nd</sup>) Alan**

Motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectman Project #37 AKA The Clearing for the Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial (Passed Unanimously)

**Review of Charge**

Alan stated that all bullet points have pretty much been completed up until the recommendation to the BOS. It was suggested to discuss with the BOS to amend the Charge. This way the Commission would stay on through the construction and dedication to be able to help with decisions. Pat stated they could help with the scope review on costs, design decisions and to have a voice through to the dedication. Sarah mentioned funding and Pat pointed out that she had met with Donna, Agni and Kyle about a year or so ago and the request had been put in to add to the CIP then for the Memorial. It was recommended then that the Town would cover the funding and that the funds in the SHPMC would also be used for the Memorial. The Commission will continue to meet to discuss the Memorial and may move to every other month. The Commission would like to stay part of the process right through to the dedication they stress. Pat stated that Public Building and Site will eventually take on and manage. A lot wont involve the Commission but will have strong relationship with them and will be guided once contracts are set and what funds are available. Dan will discuss amending the charge with Dan Rosenthal.

With there being no other business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)