



## **Sandy Hook Advisory Committee**

**March 1, 2013**

**9:30 AM**

**LOB, Room 1D**

### **Minutes**

**Committee Chair:** Scott Jackson

**Members Present:** Adrienne Bentman, Ron Chivinski, Robert Ducibella, Terry Edelstein, Kathleen Flaherty, Alice Forrester, Ezra Griffith, Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Denis McCarthy, Barbara O'Connor, Wayne Sandford, Bernie Sullivan

**Members Absent:** Chris Lyddy, David Schonfeld, Harold Schwartz

- I. Call to order at 9:33 AM
- II. Chair Scott Jackson makes motion to add an item regarding school security to the existing agenda. The proposed item includes a panel discussion on security and police officers in schools, as well as a presentation on police officer qualifications and certification. The committee approves the motion.
- III. Committee members introduce themselves.
- IV. Connecticut State Police present on processes of purchasing, transferring, or possessing a firearm; regulations on storage and safeguarding weapons; and training and qualifications for certain permits and licenses. Key points from the presentation and ensuing discussion included:
  - a. Existing gun safety measures: background checks necessary for initial permit as well as for renewal; many grounds for revocation including all felonies, restraining and protective orders, 11 different misdemeanors, discharge for mental health hospitals
  - b. Recommended improvements: "suitability" of applicants for pistol permits is not specifically defined; CT lacks regulation regarding out-of-state guns; CT lacks regulation regarding transfer of long guns; CT lacks regulation of ammunition purchases
- V. Connecticut State Police give a gun demonstration.
- VI. Emergency Protocol by State and Local Police, including Chief Marc Montminy of Manchester and Chief Michael Kehoe of Newtown. Key points included:
  - a. Great procedures were already in place at Sandy Hook; there were rehearsed evacuation plans, police arrived almost immediately, officers took precautions to make sure they weren't outgunned



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- VII. Commission breaks at 12:46 PM for lunch.
- VIII. Commission reconvenes at 1:36 PM.
- IX. Dr. Brendan Campbell of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center presents on the use of firearms in today's society. By taking an epidemiological approach to gunshot wounds, he:
  - a. emphasized that: the leading cause of death birth to age 40 is injury, with 1/3 of injuries resulting from guns; as magazine capacity increased from 1983-1990, so did the number of bullet wounds per injured person; and violent video games don't cause gun violence (there is a similar use of video games in other developed countries where rates of gun injury and death are lower,
  - b. and recommends: improved universal background checks; required registration and identification for ammunition purchases; limit on gun purchases; and required permit for all gun owners.
- X. Connecticut State Police and local Police engage in a panel discussion on security, police officers in schools, and police officer qualifications and certification.
- XI. Mayor Jackson reminds committee members to review preliminary recommendations next Friday for the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission interim report.
- XII. Meeting adjourns at 5:03 PM