

Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 21, 2016
Regular Session 7:03 P.M.

Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Ms. Mary Power; Ms. Betty Foley, Assistant Town Administrator

Mr. Healey read the statement the BOS previously released regarding Corporal Christopher Orlando. "The sadness and grief that comes with learning of the journey the Orlando Family is now making, goes beyond words. We can only hope that they know that the support and prayers of the people of Hingham are with them during this terrible ordeal, that their son served his Country with honor and like those who have gone before him; his sacrifice will never be forgotten. He was the best of us. Sempiternum Fi." A moment of silence took place.

Mr. Healey thanked everyone who showed support to the Orlando Family. It has been requested that the public respect the family's privacy. Symbolically, we have displayed flags around town and more flags available through the Veteran's Service Office. The Town Flag that was distributed to all the active service members and their families is now available for the public, for those who are interested.

Questions from the public regarding items not on the agenda.

There were no questions from the public

Foss Committee Report and Discussion

Mr. Peter Finney, Chairman of the Foss Memorial Committee; Mr. Jonathan Asher, Chairman of the Veteran's Service Committee.; Mr. Keith Jermyn, Chief Veterans Service Officer; Mr. John Buckley, Vice Chair of the Veteran's Council; appeared before the BOS.

Mr. Finney reminded the Board that the Foss Memorial Committee and the Veteran's Service Committee had been elected with the expectation that the two bodies would collaborate together and he thanked Mr. Asher for their progress.

Mr. Asher discussed the Intermodal Facility that was named in honor of Seamen Herbert Foss, a Medal of Honor recipient. The facility is likely to open for business in early April, but the completion and dedication is not likely before mid-May.

A picture of the Foss Memorial plaque was displayed for the viewing audience. It will be mounted in the building very close to the bronze casting on a granite base. It denotes the Herbert L. Foss Hingham Terminal and denotes the heroics of him receiving this honor. The bronze casting was created by a talented artist named Susan Leury. She managed to create a three dimensional image based on only one or two photographs. There will be a bronze casting created from the mold and mounted on a black granite base that will be placed near the alcove.

The total cost for the sculpture and the base is \$31,000.00, which is under the amount that the town had appropriated and approved, which was \$40,000.00. The statue and base will stand at eye level at completion. The committee would like to stay in place until sometime after April of May to see the project through.

Mr. John McCue has resigned from his post of Veteran's Chaplin. A Chaplin is needed to help with numerous events in town. Father Sinisa Ubiparipovic was contacted along with all the other Clergy in town and sent letters of interest. Father Sinisa is now qualified as a Military Chaplin and his nomination have been enthusiastically supported by all parties.

Voted- To appoint Father Sinisa Ubiparipovic to the Veterans Council. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Voted- To approve minutes dated December 4, 2015, as amended. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Votes:

Voted- To waive the building permit fee to shingle GAR Hall. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Voted- To submit a comment letter to Massachusetts Housing Partnership regarding Avalon Hingham Shipyard II. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Voted- To submit a comment letter to MassHousing regarding River Stone, LLC. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Voted- To approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) wine and malt beverages license to Forbes Irish Dance Booster Club c/o Laura Wilson for the Forbes Family Night Fundraiser to be held at the Hingham Community Center on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM. A 2-0 unanimous vote.

Joint Session with the Advisory Committee and Community Preservation (Mr. Gannon joined the meeting).

Mr. Curley gave an overview of the CPC 2016 Budget. The 2016 CPA recommended funding request is \$1,423,285.00 and is broken down as follows:

CPA Administrative Fund, \$45,000.00; Historic, \$351,080.00; Open Space, \$500,000.00; Recreation, \$337,205.00; and Community Housing, \$190,000.00. A CPC overview of each project is available in the Selectmen's Office.

Selectmen's Parcel Discussion

Mr. Tim White gave an update on the Affordable Housing Trust Committee meeting subsequent to the Executive Session with the BOS. The Committee is interested in the proposal to locate affordable assistant living units since there are none in the community. Most of the work that has been done with their consultant is transferrable. The HAHT voted to support this initiative, and recommends that proceeds be used to advance other affordable housing projects. The process is to solicit proposals from various organizations for the parcel.

Voted- To issue a request for proposal for the Selectmen's Parcel located at 2 Beal Street. A unanimous vote.

Plymouth County Study Committee

Ms. Jane Malme, Chair; Mr. Scott Ford and Mr. Peter Blampied

They were asked by the BOS to assess the impact on the town in the event that Plymouth County was dissolved. The conclusion is that there would be very little impact to the Town. The County Commissioner is the only one who can propose this and he's not interested in dissolving. Ms. Power stated the report comprised by the Plymouth Study Committee will be helpful to the town to use as a blueprint going forward and allow us ask the right kind of questions.

Voted- To discharge the Plymouth County Study Committee. A unanimous vote.

Selectmen and Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Power announced that the websites for the Library, Town Hall and South Shore Country Club are new and encouraged residents to take a look. Ms. Power thanked the IT Department for all their hard work and encouraged people to give any feedback and suggestions about the new websites.

Mr. Gannon thanked Ms. Leslie Badger and Ms. Sonia Fierst for their volunteer efforts and support for Corporal Chris Orlando and the eleven other marines.

Mr. Gannon invited all to attend the second annual St. Patrick's event to benefit SNAP, the Special Needs Athletic Program at the SSCC on March 18, 2016.

Mr. Healey displayed a picture of the flags that are available through the Veteran's Office. Mr. Healey welcomed home Mr. Trivetich and thanked the State Department for their dedication in bringing our citizens home.

The Open Session adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Diane Picot

Approved February 26, 2016

Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen's Office.)

1. Community Preservation Committee 2016 Overview
2. Copy of CPC Warrant Article-Voted 01/13/16
3. Plymouth County Study Committee Report
4. Notice of Approval of Special Licenses to Laura Wilson, for the Forbes Family Irish Night Fundraiser Hingham Community Center, 70 South Street to be held on February 27, 2016. Comment letter regarding Avalon Hingham Shipyard II, 319 Lincoln Street.