

Town Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Councilors Anderson, Mahoney, Orestis, Goldberg, Farber and Pierce were present and answering roll call.

Councilor King was absent.

Item 1 Presentation from the Veterans Memorial Committee regarding the location and construction of a Veterans Memorial Monument.

Ted Vail, of the Veterans Memorial Committee, gave a brief history of the efforts of the committee to create a memorial to Falmouth's veterans. He thanked Councilors Anderson and Orestis for their work as liaisons to the committee. The committee was charged by the Council to select a site and design the monument. They have chosen a site along Depot Road, in front of the American Legion Post #164. He pointed out that the Legion is the "Memorial Legion Post", the library across the street is the "Falmouth Memorial Library", and the ball fields surrounding the Legion are the Memorial Fields. They decided not to include individual names on the monument, both in order to avoid leaving anyone out and because the original town of Falmouth is now split into 5 towns, and there might be some confusion as to what town a veteran belonged.

Diane Moore, chair of the Committee, said they have been meeting since July 2012 and were charged to choose a location, design the monument and establish a cost. Fundraising will begin this evening and last through the end of May. Their goal is to dedicate the memorial on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. There will be two monuments, a flagpole with a light, pavers, benches, and removable planters. She presented renderings of the proposed monuments. The first is made of black polished granite with a grey granite plinth with the six service emblems on the front. The second, smaller monument is a grey granite slate and will include a plaque dedicated to those Falmouth high school students that lost their lives during World War II. The cost of the entire memorial is projected to be \$50,000-\$55,000; they hope to fund this 100% through fundraising.

Councilor Anderson complimented the committee on their work. He underscored the timeline on this project; it is very important to the committee to have the dedication this coming November. He thought it would be important for the Council to support the effort if the fundraising falls short.

Councilor Goldberg asked if it is dedicated to those that died in combat or to all veterans. Mr. Vail said it was for all veterans.

Councilor Orestis pledged his support to the fundraising effort and encouraged the other councilors to do the same.

The consensus of the Council was that the committee should move forward with fundraising for the monument.

Item 2 Order to authorize the Town Manager to execute License Agreements with the Falmouth Food Pantry and the Falmouth Land Trust to use Town Hall space.

Public comment period opened; no public comment.

Councilor Farber moved the orders; Councilor Mahoney seconded.

Councilor Goldberg asked if this would cost the food pantry for workers comp.

Town Manager Nathan Poore said they are exempt since they don't have any employees. They already have all the necessary insurance.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item 3 Order to authorize the Town Manager to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements for mutual aid with the following communities: Cumberland, Long Island, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth.

Mr. Poore explained that Town Attorney Bill Plouffe found a state statute that, combined with the Town's charter, requires Council approval for mutual aid agreements. Attorneys and the other communities have seen and approved of these agreements.

Councilor Goldberg moved the order; Councilor Anderson seconded.

No one from the public was present for public comment.

Councilor Farber wondered why they had an agreement with Long Island and not Chebeague.

Howard Rice, Chief of Fire, said the Town has been working with Long Island for two years. Falmouth accepts their boat for transfers to the hospital. They have an agreement that, if there is an issue on Clapboard, Long Island would send firefighters over on their boat.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item 4 Provide guidance regarding the next steps toward the preparation of an Economic Development Plan for Falmouth and give feedback to the Falmouth Economic Improvement Committee (FEIC) regarding the same.

Councilor Farber said FEIC would come back from this process with a scope of work and a timeline for the creation of an economic plan. She thought this was a good project for FEIC.

The consensus of the Council was for FEIC to work on this project.

Item 5 Discussion about future Council agendas.

Mr. Poore discussed some upcoming agenda items.

Item 6 Order to go into Executive Session pursuant to the Laws of Maine to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Councilor Farber moved to enter executive session; Councilor Goldberg seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council entered executive session at 7:33 pm.

Adjourn

Councilor Farber moved to adjourn; Councilor Mahoney seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tryon
Recording Secretary