

Scituate Veterans Council Meeting Wednesday, April 06 at 6:30pm

Scituate Senior Center, 333 First Parish Road Scituate MA

Call to order at 6:30pm at the Scituate Senior Center

In attendance: Council members- Kim Stewart, Bob MacLean, Marc Devereaux, Ed Hanafin, Ed Kelley and Chris Lessard via cell phone

Steve Lichfield, American Legion

Members of the John P. Connors Memorial Project Team: Joseph and Linda Connors, Connors Family Representatives, Tom Cappelletti, Executive Director, Lt Col USAF Ret, Joe Mitchell, Treasurer, USAF Combat Veteran, Kieran O'Shaughnessy, Director of Construction, John Sheehan, Director of Fundraising and Bill Reynolds.

Council heard a presentation of the John P. Connors memorial project from project team members as listed above.

On December 20, 1989, Lieutenant John P. Connors USN was killed in action as a member of US Navy SEAL Team 4 in Panama during OPERATION JUST CAUSE. He was awarded both the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart for his valor and wounds received on the battlefield.

Updated presentation can be found here:

[Connors-Presentation-Scituate, REV 4-10-22.pdf](#)

Council members were overwhelmed and humble after hearing Mr. Connors inspiring story and how he gave his life for our country. We expressed our condolences and appreciation for this young man's ultimate sacrifice.

M. Devereaux asked what size plot the budget could support. K. O'Shaughnessy said they would accommodate whatever space was available. M. Devereaux asked if they team would consider local contractors. K. O'Shaughnessy said yes.

E. Kelley asked how much has been raised so far. K. O'Shaughnessy said they are waiting their 501c3 status but have many pledges and have engaged the founder of the One Fund Boston. They will launch their campaign as soon as 501c3 comes in.

M. Devereaux asked if the town would be responsible for maintenance after the 18 months. K. O'Shaughnessy said yes, that was standard language.

E. Kelley asked if the team would consider funding the maintenance beyond the 18 months. They agreed to that.

B. MacLean asked about size of statue. K. O'Shaughnessy said it is customary for statues like this to be larger than life.

M. Devereaux asked about lighting. K. O'Shaughnessy said that lighting is included.

K. Stewart questioned next steps.

B. MacLean said he will talk to J. Boudreau on Tuesday.

The Council thanked the team for coming and sharing their story.

Brief discussion regarding the presentation. Members are generally in favor of the project. Questions about location, who makes the final decision, what is the Council's role and what are the next steps. We will wait for B. MacLean's discussion with the Town Administrator next week.

Outreach- good reach at the landfill. Need to reach younger and female veterans. M. Deveraux will attempt to engage M. Dimeo, a Scituate Coast Guard veteran.

B. MacLean asks if we should be at Heritage Days.

Flag collection container discussion was tabled. B. MacLean will talk with C. Lessard

Veterans Breakfast recap- E. Hanafin reports 40-50 people in attendance. Also, Ed felt J. Kelley did a good job describing the VSO job. K. Stewart noted a slight disappointment that there was no actual breakfast.

Discussion about another breakfast- maybe Sept/Oct timeframe. Need VA rep from Boston to answer questions. Maybe the mobile VA?

K. Stewart reminded the council that we should still be thinking of collateral duties to improve efficiencies between meetings.

Adjournment 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Stewart, Secretary