Farmingville, NY - On Monday, November 25, Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh attended the Grand Opening of the Betty Hale Home of the Brave, a six bedroom house for homeless veterans located at 40 Central Parkway/Bishop Harrison Hale Drive in Medford. The Home of the Brave will be a full-service center providing programs and services for homeless veterans, with a special emphasis on veterans that have been displaced in the local community, to enhance their quality of life. Programs will include educational assistance and job training.

"It was an honor to attend the grand opening event for the Betty Hale Home of the Brave. This house will provide an excellent opportunity for the local community to give back to those who put their lives on the line every day to ensure the safety of our country and assist them in a smooth transition back into civilian life," stated Councilwoman Kepert. "The center is aptly named in honor of the late "Mother" Betty Hale, who was a driving force in the Gordon Heights community and left a lasting legacy of dedication and service."

"As the liaison to Veteran services I want to thank everyone who put in the time and effort into making this happen. A great sacrifice is made by our young men and women who choose to serve our nation. Some return and find it difficult to rejoin society. This is a great place to begin to re-evaluate themselves, and to figure out where they fit. As a mother of a combat veteran, I appreciate the importance of a place like this and applaud your insight by seeing a need for such a facility in our community. Having it named after mother Betty Hale is a reassurance that they will be well looked after indeed," said Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh.

"I want to congratulate Bishop Hale, the entire Hale family on the completion and opening of the Betty Hale Home of the Brave," said Legislator Rob Calarco. "There is no better way to honor the memory of Mother Hale, then by having her legacy live on through the service of the men and women who have served our country so bravely."