



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET ~ SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

**Hometown Hero Selection Committee
Simsbury Town Hall – Room 103
Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order

1. Review of Existing Hometown Hero Policy & Nomination Form
2. Discussion on Marketing Hometown Hero Nominations
3. Hometown Hero 2020 350th Anniversary Discussion
4. Minutes of May 6, 2019

Adjournment



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Guidelines for the Hometown Hero Program

Adopted by Board of Selectmen

November 13, 1996

Amended February 23, 1998

Amended March 26, 2018

1. Background Information

The Program was initiated in 1986 by Governor William O'Neill as part of the 350th Anniversary of the founding of Connecticut. Any municipality could designate residents as "Hometown Heroes" for any deed or service that made the community a better place in which to live. State certificates were presented to the 42 individuals and 4 organizations on May 12, 1986. The following year, First Selectwoman Margaret Shanks continued the program with certificates developed for Simsbury, naming 48 designates. It has been continued since, with Hometown Heroes recognized at a ceremony during the month of May as May 12th is the date of Simsbury's birth.

2. Criteria for Selection

- A. A person(s) who is a resident, or who is active in the Simsbury community, or who lived in Simsbury during the time period that is under consideration.
- B. Person(s) who has demonstrated selfless and altruistic behavior which contributes significantly to the betterment of our Town.
- C. That such deed or action performed inures primarily to the Town of Simsbury, although not necessarily exclusively; and that.
- D. Any individual or group that has been nominated to the Hometown Hero Award Committee (henceforth "Committee") shall be duly considered with the following exceptions:
 - The hero shall not be a member of Town staff, nor a sitting elected or appointed official. Nor shall the hero have benefited economically from his/her endeavors on behalf of the Town.
- E. There will be no quotas or automatic selections by the Committee. Recognizing the premise that an abundance of awards will dilute the significance of the award, the Committee is duly charged to use its discretion in the number to be awarded.

3. **The Selection Process**

- A. Written nominations will be requested and received during a thirty (30) day period typically occurring in whole or part during the months of March and/or April.
- B. The Selection Committee shall review the names nominated for the Hometown Hero Award. The Committee shall make selection and approve the list of award recipients no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled ceremony.
- C. The Town Manager's Office shall notify all award recipients of the time and place of the award ceremony.
- D. The Town Manager's Office shall complete arrangements for the ceremony such as scheduling, publicity, and refreshments.
- E. The names of award recipients will be engraved on the Hometown Heroes plaque displayed in Town Hall.

4. **The Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen on a biennial basis. The Selection Committee shall consist of the First Selectman, a Board of Selectmen member of the opposite party, a member of the Historical Society, a business leader, a previous hometown hero, and a member of a veterans or service organization, with the goal of non-partisanship in mind.

The membership of the Committee shall be recommended by the First Selectman and the Town Manager to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority.

Staff assistance to the Selection Committee shall include reasonable requests deemed necessary by the Committee.



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Nomination Form for Hometown Hero Program – 2019

Please return to the Town Manager’s Office, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 - no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019.

To complete a form online, visit <http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/hometownhero>.

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- C. That such deed or action performed inures primarily to the Town of Simsbury, although not necessarily exclusively; and that
- D. Any individual or group that has been nominated to the Hometown Hero Award Committee (henceforth ‘Committee’) shall be duly considered with the following exceptions: The Hero shall not be a member of Town staff, nor a sitting elected or appointed official. Nor shall the Hero have benefited economically from his/her endeavors on behalf of the Town.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee’s Address: _____

Nominee’s Phone Number: _____

Nominee’s Email Address: _____

Please describe the Nominee’s act/deed and/or behavior which contributes/contributed to the Town of Simsbury and attach to this form:

Check one of the following regarding the Nominee’s status during time period under consideration:

- Simsbury Resident Active in Simsbury Community Lived in Simsbury at time

Name & Phone Number of Person completing form or (Contact Information for Person completing form)

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Hometown Hero Selection Committee Regular Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019

Probate Conference Room 103, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

MINUTES – DRAFT

Members Present: TJ Donahue, Elaine Lang, Mike Paine, Eric Wellman

Staff Present: Maria Capriola

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

1) Housekeeping Items

Donahue made the motion, seconded by Paine to select Wellman as Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, the Committee established its 2020 regular meeting schedule. Since the Town will be celebrating its 350th anniversary in 2020, the Committee will have a planning and policy review meeting in January of 2020 in addition to its regularly scheduled May meeting to review nominations.

The 2020 awards ceremony will be held prior to the second Board of Selectmen regular meeting in May 2019. The 2019 awards ceremony will be held on May 27, 2020 at 5pm.

2) Discussion on Hometown Hero Nominations

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 5 received non-duplicative nominations. One of the 5 nominees received two nominations.

3) Determine Hometown Hero Award Recipient(s)

Wellman made the motion, seconded by Lang to select the following nominees to be recipients of the 2019 Hometown Hero Award:

- Simsbury Garden Club
- Nancy Buggy
- Lisa Gray
- Ferg Jansen
- Laura Riley

The motion passed unanimously.

4) Minutes

The minutes of May 7, 2018 were approved as presented by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola
Town Manager
Town of Simsbury