



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Hometown Hero Selection Committee

Special Meeting

Monday, May 7, 2018

Room 103, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

MINUTES – “Subject to Approval”

Members Present: TJ Donahue, Tom Horan, Elaine Lang, Len Lanza, 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. It was determined that a Vice Chair was not needed.

By consensus, the Committee established its 2019 regular meeting schedule as Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6pm. The meeting schedule will be filed with the Town Clerk by staff.

The 2019 awards ceremony will be held prior to the second Board of Selectmen regular meeting in May 2019. The 2018 awards ceremony will be held on May 30, 2018 at 5pm.

2) Review, Discuss and Consider Hometown Hero Nomination Forms

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 8 received non-duplicative nominations. One of the 8 nominees received multiple nominations. 1 nominee did not meet the eligibility criteria pursuant to the Hometown Hero Selection Guidelines because he is a current town employee.

The Committee has also suggested that part-time employees of the town be considered eligible for future consideration; the Hometown Hero Guidelines would need to be updated to accommodate such a change in eligibility.

3) Finalize and Act on Approved Hometown Hero Award Recipients

Donahue made the motion, seconded by Horan to select the following nominees to be recipients of the 2018 Hometown Hero Award:

- Susan Brachwitz
- Kathleen (Kathy) Fallon
- Jim and Marianne Flynn
- Gerald (Gerry) Garlick
- John O’Neil
- James (Jim) Ray (posthumous)

The motion passed unanimously.

Donahue made the motion, seconded by Paine, to request the Town Manager to send correspondence to the Chief of Police, along with the nomination form for Officer Cushman to be included with his personnel file, recognizing his professionalism and service to the community. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Minutes

The minutes of April 28, 2017 were approved as presented by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:28pm.

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