

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectwoman Lisa Heavner; Board members Cheryl Cook, Sean Askham, and Elaine Lang. Absent were: Christopher Kelly and Michael Paine. Others in attendance included Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services, Tom Roy, Director of Public Works, Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation; Sean Kimball, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; Jerome Shea, Town Engineer, and other interested parties.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **SELECTMEN ACTION**

### **a) Approval of the Hometown Hero Nominees**

Ms. Heavner said this award was initiated in 1986 by Governor William O'Neill a part of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Connecticut. All towns were invited to designate residents as “Hometown Heroes” for any service or deed that made the community a better place in which to live.

Ms. Heavner said the 2017 Hometown Hero Selection Committee was made up of Michael Paine, Tom Horan, Emil Dahlquist, T.J. Donohue, Len Lanza, and herself. They review nominations of individuals who have demonstrated selfless and altruistic behavior which contributes to the betterment of the Town.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve Hometown Hero Nominees Leonard Lanza and Ieke Scully. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **• Hometown Hero Awards Presentation Ceremony:**

#### **•Leonard Lanza**

Ms. Cook said she was thrilled to present this award to Mr. Lanza. She said Mr. Lanza has been Commander of Metacomet VFW Post 1926, and he assumes his post as the Commander of the American Legion Post 84 next month. His longtime volunteer efforts go back to 1969 with the Town's Tercentenary Committee. Mr. Lanza is extensively involved with the Memorial Day Parades and Veterans Day Planning Committees. He has also been a member of the Farmington Valley Association, for Retarded and Handicapped (FAVARH) since 1963. We are all profoundly grateful for all he has done and congratulate him on this award.

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Mr. Lanza thanked everyone and said this is a tremendous Town to live in. Simsbury was on his list of top 10 places to live and he is very glad he moved here. He started as a custodian and then became a teacher, Vice Principal and then Principal. He is very happy he moved here and doesn't want to go anywhere else.

**• Ieke Scully**

Ms. Heavner noted that Ms. Scully couldn't attend the meeting tonight, but Mr. Scully would be accepting the award for her.

Ms. Lang said it was her tremendous honor to present this award to her friend Ms. Scully. She has amazing energy. Ms. Lang said Ieke is an “import from Virginia” when she married Mark Scully from Simsbury. She started helping as an assistant den leader and as a Pack chairman of Cub Scout Pack 276. Ms. Scully is a member of First Church where she taught Sunday school and loves singing in the choir. She supports various non-profits including the Farmington River Watershed Association and Simsbury Land Trust and Simsbury Historical Society. Ieke is currently helping to organize the first historic house tour in 22 years for this June 4<sup>th</sup>. All these efforts have contributed to Simsbury becoming Ieke's hometown.

Mr. Scully said Ms. Scully was very honored and humbled to receive this award. She was very upset that she couldn't be here to receive it herself. She is proud to be a Simsbury resident and feels Simsbury has a great, rich history and the resources need to be used. She thanked everyone for this honor.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk