



# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET ~ SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

*Eric Wellman, First Selectman*

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**Hometown Hero Selection Committee**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

### Call to Order

1. Housekeeping Items
  - a) Introduction of New Member
  - b) Selection of Chair
  - c) 2021 Meeting Date (5/3/21) and Awards Ceremony (5/26/21)
2. Discussion on Hometown Hero Nominations
3. Determine Hometown Hero Award Recipient(s)
4. Rescheduling 2020 Ceremony
5. Minutes of January 6, 2020

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2020

Please return to the Town Manager's Office, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 - no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Forms may also be emailed to [townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov). To complete a form online, visit <http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/hometownhero>.

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- B. Person(s) who has/have 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.

Name of Nominee: Jean Miles

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:  
Please see attached

**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)

Alan Needham \_\_\_\_\_

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8:30 - 1:00 Friday

## Re: Nomination of Jean Miles

Jean Miles stepped forward to become the first volunteer of the Simsbury Medical Equipment Loan Locker early in 2019. The Loan Locker provides serviceable medical equipment to those who have mobility or personal care issues and would benefit from the use of specialized medical equipment. The equipment is loaned at no charge. The Loan Locker is located at the back of the Apple Barn.

By profession, Jean is a much respected Physical Therapist with long experience in our community. As a PT, Jean has been our "go to" person for professional advice on equipment use and evaluation, disinfection, training of our volunteers, establishing loan protocols, organizing our work space as well as selecting and acquiring disinfection supplies. She is always open to helping to assess our client's needs by contacting them directly. In addition, like the rest of our volunteers, she regularly meets with clients who are returning or borrowing equipment. Jean organizes what she calls "cleaning parties" where new items evaluated and disinfected. She is responsible for recruiting a number of our 25 volunteers. Jean has been a constant advocate for our clients and mentor to the other principals of the group.

In so many ways, Jean Miles and her boundless energy are responsible for the success of the Loan Locker. She richly deserves this recognition.

Alan Needham  
Ed LaMontagne  
John Wilcox  
Maxine Asnis, M.D.  
Nanaz Khosrowshahi  
George Spoering  
Mary Johnson  
Dianne Orenstein  
Cathy LaBrecque  
Gordon McKennerney

Marilyn Stent  
Ann Wallack  
Nick Civitillo  
Tracy Civitillo  
Margaret Halderman  
Jim O'Herron  
Mark Orenstein  
Angela Cleveland  
Sharon Ions

Name of Nominee: Robert Finley Hyde

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address: [REDACTED]

Description of Nominee:

Went to Iraq in 2003 with US Marine Corps. Raised 100k for Marines 2011 at Riverview.  
Raised 75k for Marine with no legs 2012. Top 30 under 30 2005. Nominated Top Gun  
Marine Corps 2000. Donates 120k Girl Scout cookies to VA 2019. Helped coordinate over 2  
million masks with frontlines and hospitals and HHS this year.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Robert Hyde

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

Name of Nominee: Katie Costolnick

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

In mid-March Katie Costolnick initiated a Facebook page called Sewing Face Masks-Farmington Valley CT to coordinate people willing to sew masks for health care workers due to the shortage of personal protective equipment. The group has grown to 1425 members in one month and as of this writing approximately 4500 masks have been donated to hospitals, nursing homes, medical offices, first responders, senior centers, home care agencies and assisted living facilities and many others. Thanks to Katie's excellent organizational skills, she was able to coordinate donations of needed supplies of fabric, elastic, and thread from those who had them to the seamstresses who need them. Her own Simsbury patio was initially the pick up and donation spot, however when the amount of materials became overwhelming for one location she found others throughout the region as the project steadily grew. Under her leadership a website was started which made sharing patterns and information much easier, and an online sign up process developed. The health care personnel in our town and beyond are so grateful for these masks. Katie deserves to be a hometown hero this year for her tireless work and her humble manner that credits others and deflects praise.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Jean Miles

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

Name of Nominee: Katie Costolnick

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address: [REDACTED]

Description of Nominee:

Katie established (3/20/20) and continues to coordinate a Facebook group of over 1,400 members called, "Sewing Facemasks - Farmington Valley, Connecticut." This group has produced over 9,000 masks as of 4/17/20 for healthcare providers in settings around Connecticut. The work of Katie's group helps to protect healthcare workers on the front lines of this Global crisis, as well as their families and communities at large. Katie's residence at the north-end of Simsbury is the nerve center of the operation, and functions as a place to collect and distribute much-needed supplies to the sewers in Simsbury and beyond. She is my Shero.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form T. Michael Murphy

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form

Name of Nominee: Katie Costolnick

Nominee's Address:

Nominee's Phone Number:

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

On March 20th of this year, Katie started a group to help coordinate people sewing face masks for health professionals in Connecticut hospitals and nursing homes. To date, the Facebook group Katie created, "Sewing Facemasks-Farmington Valley, CT" is closing in on 10,000 masks. Katie's home in north Simsbury is a place where people can pick up donated supplies and drop off completed masks for delivery. Funding of over \$5,000 was raised so that fabric and elastic can be purchased in bulk from local quilting stores, and masks have gone to many local nursing homes, medical practices and essential workers at grocery stores as well as to St. Francis, UConn, Hartford Hospital and Yale's Smilow Cancer Hospital. Her leadership motivated me and over 1,400 others in our area to pull out our dusty sewing machines and rusty sewing skills to try and make a difference during this global pandemic. I believe her tireless work makes her a true Hometown Hero.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Gayle Murphy

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form

Name of Nominee: Katie Costolnick/Sewing Face Masks- Farmington Valley

Nominee's Address:

Nominee's Phone Number:

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

Katie was instrumental in spearheading Sewing Face Masks- Farmington Valley. This group's mission was to sew and deliver homemade surgical face masks and N-95 respirator covers for healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential business employees in the Greater Hartford area to help with the PPE shortage during the Covid-19 pandemic. With her tremendous organizational and communication skills, Katie orchestrated over 1200 volunteers in the Farmington Valley to complete and deliver over 15,000 masks as of 4/26; and this work continues as May approaches. Her leadership efforts and selfless time commitment to this group and the Farmington Valley community should be awarded. I nominate Katie Costolnick as our Simsbury Hometown Hero.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Wendy Werle

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form

Name of Nominee: Katie Costolnick

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

Katie started the Sewing Face Masks-Farmington Valley Facebook site. She gathered about 500 volunteers, consisting of sewers, fabric cutters and delivery people and organized all the efforts in order to provide healthcare workers with PPE that is badly needed during this pandemic. She did all of this while also managing a full time job and on-line classes!

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Active In Simsbury Community

Name of Person Completing Form Patti Harper

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

Name of Nominee: Mark Orenstein

Nominee's Address:

Nominee's Phone Number:

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

The Simsbury community is lucky to have Mark living here. He is an elected member of the Library Board, I am hoping that does not disqualify him, he does so much more. I will concentrate on his involvement with Simsbury Community Television and start with his most recent contribution for the betterment of the community. When the Covid-19 cloud arrived, Mark immediately went into gear to get all the town meetings on air and online, volunteering directly with the town to make the remote (Zoom) meetings legal and a make it happen now, in conjunction with SCTV, of course. I don't think he's finished though, I believe the library programs may be next. But since there is a deadline to nominate him, I can't speak to that yet. Mark has been volunteering for SCTV for many years now. He came at a critical time for us. Our commercial playback system was reaching its end of life and we didn't have the funds to purchase a system with a price tag of over \$35,000. So he built a system for us on a budget. He also expanded our capabilities to add live programming from other locations. He ushered in robotic cameras in our studio and added software based video switchers to the studio and town hall production equipment. He worked directly with the library and SCTV to split the costs and add production equipment to the two program rooms in the library. I could go on, but those are some of the major contributions. In addition, he does tech support for the Historical Society and many people I know, with no compensation. I know he served on the Technology Task Force and Aging and Disabilities in the recent past. I don't know everything about Mark, but I do know his contributions to SCTV, and the Simsbury community as a whole, have been 'priceless'. I hope you would consider recognizing him as a Hometown Hero.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Karen Handville

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form

Name of Nominee: Margaret C. Diachenko

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address:

Description of Nominee:

Margaret C. Diachenko

Nomination for 2020 Simsbury Hometown Heroes Award

Some awards simply recognize the acts of individuals to show praise and admiration for a job well done. The most significant will serve as inspiration—a call to action—and an example to follow for others. Marge Diachenko's story serves the latter. To highlight a strong record of service to others, her participation and leadership of Civitan International is important to understand. Founded in 1917, Civitan is a civic organization for those with a servant's heart. Calling themselves Civitans are five U.S. Presidents, astronauts, business leaders, and most importantly: Marge Diachenko.

Her service in Civitan to better the community around her, doing the work of the world and reaching out in service to others has spanned several decades. With particular focus on individuals with developmental challenges, Civitan's Simsbury club and Marge Diachenko gave its support to the Special Olympics. Through untold numbers of fundraisers including the sale of the infamous Claxton Fruit Cakes, financial support was given where it could make a difference—including a notable amount of scholarships to local students. Rumor has it that there may be a few of those fruit cakes still going around to this day.

Marge didn't just show up. She led. She worked to improve every organization she has been a part of. As part of Civitan, she was Simsbury's Club President, but also New England Regional District Governor twice, and served as the Region 4 Director to Civitan International's headquarter organization for two years. And if that wasn't enough, Marge's list of engagement and investment in the betterment of Simsbury goes on. She was Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past President of the Simsbury Women's Club, board member and past Scholarship Chairperson of McLean Auxiliary, and a very active member of the First Church of Christ.

Those in Simsbury know her well due to her formal roles in the town. Contributing to her volunteer service includes a long term in the office of the registrar and various other functions, a member of the Aging and Disabilities Commission, and several years working with the State of Connecticut. Not to be outdone in her professional life by her volunteer activities, even the State of Connecticut recognizes the immeasurable contributions and energy the Marge gives in all that she does. The state employee's Campaign for Charitable Giving gives an annual award, in Marge Diachenko's name, "to a state employee or agency for their outstanding commitment and support of the campaign." The State of Connecticut honors her work as a retired state employee who served on the very first committee of charitable giving and eventually as its chair. We in Simsbury should be so honored to call her one of our own.

One might reflect on the experiences of Marge Diachenko and consider hers a rich and full

life. In fact, hers is one that inspires others to create a life well lived—with service to others above self—and follow her example. Those who know her most, who have seen her understanding smile, heard her sharp wit, and experienced the cut glass air about her, might simply refer to the first line in the motto of Civitan: “as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.”

Nominated by:

Kevin Beal, [REDACTED]

Mary Turner, [REDACTED]

Michele Potvin-Piecuch, [REDACTED]

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Kevin Beal

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Name of Nominee: Ann Long

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address: [REDACTED]

Description of Nominee:

Ann Long was the embodiment of all the qualities that Simsbury values in its citizens. She was the epitome of caring, loving and helping others. I was privileged to have been her friend and honored to nominate her to be a Simsbury Hometown Hero.

Ann was the one to always help others, be it professionally, as a Simsbury resident or personally. She was the Director of the Continuum of Care at St. Francis In this capacity she provided leadership in case management, home care and hospice. She supported numerous Simsbury residents as well as patients throughout the entire Hartford area.

Ann was committed to volunteerism. She was a past member of the Simsbury Aging and Disabilities commission. She was on the Professional Advisory Boards in Community Health for McLean and the Farmington Valley Nurses Association.

On a personal level, Ann was always there to help her neighbors. Her compassion and kindness was evident in everything she touched. She treated everyone with dignity and respect. Ann was the one to help neighbors with medical advice, medical options, caring and doing for others. She was always there with a smile, a quick wit and Irish soda bread.

Simsbury lost a true Hometown Hero on April 19, 2020, when Ann died. She was a Simsbury resident for over 50 years and will be sorely missed. She will always be remembered by all those whose lives she touched.

Please give Ann the public recognition she deserves by being acknowledged as a Simsbury Hometown Hero

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Marianne O'Neil

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

It is my understanding that Ann Long has been nominated to be a HOMETOWN HERO. I looked it up and The definition of hero is a person who is admired for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities. I have known Ann for 10 years as a neighbor in Powder Forest and also a friend. She always gave a helping hand or sent a friendly note to neighbors new to the community. Ann was the first person to visit a sick neighbor with her famous Irish Soda Bread. Ann was there for me personally when my son underwent brain surgery; she helped me focus and calmed me down when I needed it . Her talent at designing was enormous and she freely gave advice to so many of us in the community but did it in such a quiet and respectful way. Ann was a woman of God and she wore that mantle gracefully. I know you could ask any person in Powder Forest which resident was noble and courageous. All of this after she spent her entire career in nursing and we all know that alone is an outstanding achievement.

Please consider Ann as a candidate for Hometown Hero because by my definition Ann was courageous, noble and had a lifetime of achievement.

Dianne KRUPP

It is my understanding that Ann Long has been nominated for a Hometown Hero award. I can think of no one more deserving to receive this honor. The evening that I purchased my home in the Powder Forest on October 26, 2010, Ann drove by, saw a light on and stopped to welcome me. She asked if I needed any assistance (of course I did), came back the next day and the day after that and helped me move in. I had never met her before and we became the best of friends. I am sure she welcomed others with the same kindness and generosity. Ann was an active and much admired member of the Powder Forest community. She was a very unique and special person.

I do hope she is honored with this award.

Best wishes,

Fay Shea

I am writing in support of Ann Long's nomination for Simsbury's Hometown Hero. Six years ago, after meeting her briefly, Ann sent a warm and beautifully written note welcoming us to the Powder Forest Community. Ann was always available for advice, encouragement, compassion and was never critical. Her calm and serene manner made everything seem possible. Though I'll herself, Ann was the first to send a homemade bread to anyone ill, and to follow up with calls of encouragement. Reading her obituary I was greatly impressed, though not surprised, at her many professional and civic accomplishments. The grace, dignity and faith that Ann exhibited throughout her illness was inspirational and truly heroic. I am happy that I had the chance to tell this much beloved friend, that she was "my hero".

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Name of Nominee: Gail Ryan

Nominee's Address: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address: [REDACTED]

Description of Nominee:

Gail Ryan has been an outstanding Simsbury Library Board of Trustee, who deserves to be honored by receiving a Simsbury Hometown Hero Award. Gail Ryan was first elected to the Simsbury Library Board of Trustees in 1991 and was an active member until December 2019. She served as Chairman of the Simsbury Public Library Board of Trustees for ten years. Gail served as the co-chair of the strategic plan developed for 2017 through 2021. She served as the chair of the search committee for our Library Director, Lisa Karim. She also served on the search committee for Lisa's predecessor Sue Bullock. As a board member she helped design the renovation and expansion of the library and its completion in 2006. She worked to secure a large HUD grant for the funding of the self-checkout equipment. Other major improvements in which she has taken a significant role since she has been on the Board include the establishment of a world renowned Business Resource Center and the development of a Technology Learning Center.

Gail's support of the Library goes well beyond her role as a Trustee. The proceeds from the Book Sale are the primary source of funding for the Friend's gifts to the Library each year. The group that sorts books meets three times a week from May through August and then works the entire weekend of the sale in September. Gail is a member of this group and has given up her summers for many years to make the Book Sale a success.

Gail's expertise as a librarian, as well as her knowledge of the community in which she and her husband, Dave, have lived for over 30 years, made her an invaluable asset to the Simsbury Public Library Board of Trustees

Gail is deserving of this award for all her contributions to the Library, but most importantly for her lifetime achievements of always working to improve her Library and her community, for all Simsbury residents. I am proud to know and work with Gail. She is a wonderful example of how an individual can and does make a difference.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Marianne O'Neil

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]

Name of Nominee: Rob Cushman

Nominee's Address: Simsbury

Nominee's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Nominee's Email Address: [REDACTED]

Description of Nominee:

Rob Cushman has created a Community Compassionate Response Team (CCRT) with numerous volunteers from First Church Simsbury. The CCRT does a variety of things during this COVID-19 pandemic and time of uncertainty. They reach out to members in the community to see how they are doing and just "check in" which is especially important in this time of isolation. The CCRT also set up a page on our church website where someone can request to have someone from our CCRT call them if they need assistance. In addition a grocery order system has been set up on the website as well. The CCRT receives the grocery order and processes the order with Fitzgerald's a team member delivers the groceries. The CCRT also helps Fitzgerald's with their numerous deliveries on a daily basis. Fitzgerald's has been overwhelmed with delivery and pick ups requests. The CCRT team has been able to assist them and the members of the community in this very difficult time. Rob oversees this team and organizes it beautifully. He not only is the man behind the wheel of these most needed programs but is out there making the deliveries as well. This program would not be the success that it is without his leadership and 110% support. He is definitely a Hometown Hero during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Nominee's Status During Period Under Consideration Simsbury Resident

Name of Person Completing Form Karen Myers

Phone Number (or other contact information) of Person Completing Form [REDACTED]



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## Hometown Hero Selection Committee Regular Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020

Probate Conference Room 103, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

### MINUTES – DRAFT

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

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Thomas Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

#### **1) Review of Existing Hometown Hero Policy and Nomination Form**

Discussion around the elected and appointed officials in part 2.D of the Guidelines for the Hometown Hero Program occurred. The discussion revolved around potentially removing the mention of appointed officials in 2.D and other various ways to edit the Guidelines.

No changes were proposed at this time.

#### **2) Discussion on Marking Hometown Hero Nominations**

Staff informed the Committee on different ways that the nomination form and process are marketed to the community currently. The Committee suggested sending the nomination forms to the civic service groups in town to make them more aware. A focus was made to have individuals being the nominator rather than whole organizations submitting one.

#### **3) Hometown Hero 2020 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion**

Discussion took place on how to incorporate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Hometown Heroes together. Including the Hometown Heroes in the opening ceremony was mentioned but it was advised that the 350<sup>th</sup> Committee may already have a very full agenda for the opening ceremony.

It was discussed potentially having the new Hometown Heroes and previous Heroes march in the Memorial Day parade. The group also agreed to have Eric Wellman and a prior Hometown Hero discuss the program on SCTV so that it could run during the time that nomination forms are available to the public.

#### **4) Hometown Hero Committee Vacancy**

A motion was made by E. Lang to add Hometown Hero Committee Vacancy to the Agenda, seconded by M. Paine. All were in favor.

Thomas Horan has decided to resign from the Committee to give someone new the honor of serving on the committee. Mr. Horan represented the Business Community membership slot of the Hometown Hero Selection Committee. E. Wellman will follow-up with a local business owner regarding serving on the Committee.

**5) Minutes**

The minutes of May 6, 2019 were approved as presented by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas Fitzgerald  
Management Specialist  
Town of Simsbury