



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Hometown Hero Selection Committee Regular Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

MINUTES - DRAFT

Members Present: TJ Donahue, Melissa Brett, Eric Wellman, Leonard Lanza,

Staff Present: Thomas Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

1) Housekeeping Items

- a) Selection of Chair: Mr. Lanza nominated Mr. Wellman as Chair of the Hometown Hero Selection Committee. Mr. Donahue seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- b) Mr. Wellman asked the Committee about establishing May 6, 2024 as their regularly scheduled meeting date for 2024, hearing no concerns the 2024 Hometown Hero Selection Committee's regular meeting was set for May 6, 2024 with a tentative date for the awards ceremony of May 29, 2024. There was a discussion about updating the guidelines. A regular meeting of the Hometown Hero Selection Committee was added for Monday March 4, 2024 to discuss possible amendments to the guidelines.

2) Discussion on Hometown Hero Nominations

The Committee discussed all of the nominations in detail.

3) Determine Hometown Hero Award Recipient(s)

Mr. Donahue moved to nominate Alvin Schwapp, Bob Braunlich, Brad Griswold, Dennis Michaud, the Friends of the Simsbury Public Library, and Michele Jenks as 2023 Simsbury Hometown Heroes. Mr. Lanza seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

4) 2023 Ceremony

Mr. Fitzgerald informed the group that the ceremony is on May 22nd at 5:00pm. Staff will work to notify the award recipients as well as the people who nominated them.

5) Minutes

The minutes of May 2, 2022 were approved as presented by consensus.

Mr. Lanza moved, Ms. Brett seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Fitzgerald
Acting Deputy Town Manager
Town of Simsbury