



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Hometown Hero Selection Committee

Special Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2020

MINUTES - DRAFT

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

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Thomas Fitzgerald

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

1) Housekeeping Items

Melissa Brett was introduced to the group as the newest member of the Committee. E. Wellman was elected chair of the Committee by consensus. The group established the 2021 regular meeting schedule with a meeting on May 3rd, 2021 and the Award Ceremony on May 26, 2021.

2) Discussion on Hometown Hero Nominations

The Committee discussed all of the nominations in detail.

3) Determine Hometown Hero Award Recipient(s)

E. Lang moved, L. Lanza seconded for Jean Miles to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

M. Brett moved, E. Lang seconded for Katie Costolnick to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

M. Paine moved, T. Donohue seconded for Margaret Diachenko to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

L. Lanza moved, M. Paine seconded for Ann Long to be a Hometown Hero Recipient posthumously. All were in favor.

M. Paine moved, T. Donohue seconded for Gail Ryan to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

E. Lang moved, T. Donohue seconded for Rob Cushman to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

M. Paine moved, E. Wellman seconded for Jim Fleming to be a Hometown Hero Recipient. All were in favor.

4) Rescheduling 2020 Ceremony

E. Wellman informed the committee that normally the Hometown Hero Ceremony is held before the 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting in May but due to the current world situation that is not

possible. E. Wellman said he would like to reschedule the ceremony to a time where all friends and family of the recipients can attend. The consensus of the Committee was they would also like to have the friends and family of the recipients present as well. The Committee asked staff to look at the August Board of Selectmen meeting or the 1st September meeting as potential ceremony dates.

5) Minutes

The minutes of January 6, 2020 were approved as presented by consensus.

E. Lang moved, L. Lanza seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas Fitzgerald
Management Specialist
Town of Simsbury