



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Hometown Hero Selection Committee

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020

Probate Conference Room 103, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

MINUTES – ADOPTED

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 350th Anniversary Discussion

Discussion took place on how to incorporate the 350th anniversary and the Hometown Heroes together. Including the Hometown Heroes in the opening ceremony was mentioned but it was advised that the 350th 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