

## **Raynham Board of Selectmen - Raynham Recognition Award**

### What is it?

The Raynham Recognition Award is an award created by the Board of Selectmen and awarded by the Board periodically to any Town resident or residents, Town group or organization, or Town employee or Town official deserving of special recognition. Only currently serving elected officials are not eligible. The award could be for an individual act of courage or kindness, for achieving a particular goal or accomplishment, for a worthy achievement or for years of dedication or service.

### How is it different?

It is not an annual award but rather it is recognition given periodically in addition to the annual awards bestowed by the Board of Selectmen (the dedication of the Annual Town Report and the Citizen of the Year Award) or any other awards presented by any other Town Board, Commission or Committee, and it is not intended to conflict with, or diminish from, any of those prestigious awards. It is also not intended to eliminate any award recipient from consideration for any of those other awards; however, it is designed to recognize those recipients who might not necessarily be considered for an annual award, but are, nonetheless, deserving of recognition.

### What is its purpose?

The Raynham Recognition Award is designed to provide an opportunity to celebrate the positive efforts of the award recipients, thereby contributing to the goal of promoting a sense of mutual respect, teamwork, and community spirit within the Town government, as well as across the greater community.

### What is the process/procedure?

Unlike those annual awards determined by the Board of Selectmen, anyone may nominate any Town resident or residents, Town group or organization or Town employee or Town official by filling out a nomination form, available through the Selectmen's office, which will include a brief explanation of why the nominee is deserving of recognition. At the end of the month, if any nomination forms have been submitted, they will be collected, attached to a ballot form, and presented to the Selectmen, who, individually, will review the nomination(s) and rank the nominee(s) that they consider to be deserving of recognition. The results will be tallied, and the award recipient(s) will be determined and formally voted by the Board at its next meeting. The Board, at its discretion, may choose to honor more than one nominee at the same time or hold on any nominee(s) for consideration during the next award cycle. The award certificate will then be prepared, and the recipient(s) will be invited to attend a subsequent meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the presentation.

