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Templeton Honors Employees of the Year

The Town of Templeton has announced the honorees of their fiscal year 2019 Merit Awards at the Annual Employee Luncheon held on October 24th. Recognition was presented in three categories and honorees from those nominated by the general public and fellow employees.

The Pinnacle of Excellence designation was awarded to Mr. Bob Szocik, who began his position as DPW Director last year. Amongst other comments from the nominations were, “Through Mr. Szocik’s leadership and commitment to excellence, he has dramatically improved daily operations & processes, along with the office environment.” Bob consistently goes above and beyond to not only get the job done, but to do it extraordinarily well. He has also worked to improve communication with other departments and is respected and well-liked by his staff and colleagues. His knowledge in infrastructure improvements is second to none.

The Communications Award was presented to Ms. Jackie Prime, a 24-year town employee who serves as the Director of Community Services & Librarian at the Town’s library. Jackie has always been a dedicated employee well-liked by her colleagues & the community. Amongst other comments from the nominations were, “She is one of the longest serving employees for the town that works hard.” Jackie, among many other improvements made, has displayed a commitment to involving Town residents in their community by creating community events such as the Farmer’s Market. She initiated the calendar on the Town’s website for the public to view all of the Town-sponsored as well as local and community-sponsored events.

The Efficiency Award was presented to Mr. Eric Baker, an 11-year town employee who serves at our Police Station as dispatcher, Chief’s admin, & technology extraordinaire. Amongst other comments, “Eric has displayed a commitment to the Town in his planning, organizing, and implementing the move (including the technology, phones, computers, dispatch equipment etc.) to (and back from) its temporary home at the Baldwinville office building.” Between the two moves and his assistance to other departments, Eric constantly goes directly above and outside his role(s) responsibilities essentially making transition seamless.

SelectBoard Chair, Michael Currie, stated “This clearly shows that our employees are going above and beyond the call of duty for the Town of Templeton to make it a better place day by day”. The Merit Awards were created in 2018 to publicly honor the finest examples of the Town’s many exemplary employees the Town is so proud of moving forward.

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