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Templeton Honors Employees of the Year

Mr. Carter Terenzini, outgoing Town Administrator, presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Merit Awards to three employees at the October 26th Fall Town Meeting. The honorees were chosen from those nominated by the general public and fellow employees as those who have gone above and beyond in the areas; Communications, Efficiency, or Pinnacle of Excellence.

The Communications Award, for those showing a commitment to assisting the public and transparency in government including improving and/or devising new ways to communicate information within the organization and to the public at large, was presented to Ms. Brigid Lambert, a 32-year town employee who serves as Water Clerk & Secretary in the Municipal Light & Water Department. Amongst other comments from the nominations were, "She provides up to date information quickly and concisely", "She's pleasant, has excellent telephone skills, very efficient and timely." Brigid has displayed a commitment to communicating well with customers, colleagues, other Town Departments and Board & Committee members alike.

The Efficiency Award, for those displaying a commitment to ensuring we operate proficiently and efficiently by "stepping up" and "stepping in and/or suggesting ideas that result in ease of processing, and savings of time, material, and storage requirements, was presented to Mr. Mark Danielson, a 9-year town employee who serves as the Foreman in our Highway Department, a division in the Town's Department of Public Works, having worked his way up from a Laborer position with his efficient and thorough work ethic. Amongst other comments, from the nominations were, "Mark has always gone above and beyond in his work." and "He is creative, dedicated, knowledgeable and has made and fixed items for the Town buildings, helping out the buildings and grounds department while still maintaining his regular duties." Town Administrator Terenzini said that "Mark has not only helped us thorough changes and gaps in management as we transitioned to a combined DPW, he has excelled and become a leader that the DPW Director can rely on."

The Pinnacle of Excellence Award for those who display a willingness to make extraordinary efforts in the ongoing improvement of the organization, assisting other staff members or departments to complete new or ongoing assignments and often requires the person to "stretch" to learn new computer programs, methodologies or processes, was presented to Ms. Luanne Royer, the Town's Deputy Assessor, a 20 plus year employee who has served in a variety of positions since first joining the organization. Ms. Royer, who recently earned her MAAO designation, is recognized for going above and beyond her job duties to help colleagues and residents with her excellent customer service assisting all whenever and however she can. Amongst other comments from the nominations were, "We rely on her heavily for many projects from maps to information." and "She is the go-to and knows the town inside and out."

The Merit Awards were created in 2018 to publicly honor the finest examples of the Town's many exemplary employees the Town is proud to have in its employ. In addition to being named publicly, the employee is honored with a Certificate of Recognition and a one-time award of \$250.00.