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Ellington Wall of Honor Inductee

Robert Tedford

At the July 13, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Robert Tedford was selected to be inducted to the Ellington Wall of Honor. Nominated by Cynthia Costanzo, the application referenced Bob's 43 years of service as Ellington's Parks and Recreation Director, but also included countless instances where he went above and beyond, serving all members of the community before his untimely passing.

A graduate of Ellington High School, Bob's journey through various athletic endeavors began well before it became his profession; the dedication he showed in his role as Recreation Director was unparalleled and left lasting impressions on all he came across.

Bob was responsible for the development and implementation of each and every program in Town for over four decades; he searched and advocated for new resources and taught lifelong lessons not only about sports, but about "sportsmanship, fair play, leadership, resilience, and commitment to others," as Ms. Costanzo stated in her application. Bob's contributions to the community also included the Summer Concert Series and the Community Gardens at the Batz Property; he worked tirelessly to provide a wide variety of recreational offerings for all.

"Bob touched so many lives, people of all ages. He took on so many roles: supervisor, coach, referee, mentor, the list goes on and on, and there wasn't a single thing he did that didn't have a lasting impact on someone," First Selectman Lori Spielman said.

A formal induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the site of the Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park [off of Main Street]. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

