2007 Award Recipient

William W. Rawstron

William Rawstron, over the years, your hard work led you to the top tier of Jamesbury Corp., becoming vice president of technology. Later, you would become vice president of the entire corporation. You have held positions with the Northborough School Housing Committee, and spent thirty-one years with the Northborough Zoning Board of Appeals – twenty-five as chairman.

In 1963, along with your wife, Ann, you purchased ten acres of land and rebuilt an old farmhouse. In 1984, you purchased the remaining ninety-one of land in Northborough, Massachusetts. You refused to build on that land, preferring to relinquish control to the Sudbury Valley Trustees. By doing this, you assured that the remaining territory is kept intact as wildlife preservation. While enforcing a strict natural habitat, you still allow people to enjoy the land for simple recreation activities, such as cross-country skiing, and hiking.

Since graduating from WPI, you and Ann have generously given back to your alma mater. You spent many years as chair of the Management Department Board of Advisors. As a Presidential Founder and a member of the Alden Society, your giving never stops. Over the course of your lifetime, you’ve displayed true dedication towards each of your beliefs, including the Church of the Nativity in Northborough. Whether working with one of your many committees, your alma mater, or your nature conservation, you always find a way to make other people a priority.

Bill Rawstron, on behalf of WPI, we thank you for all you have done for the state of Massachusetts, as well as for WPI. We honor you today with the Robert H. Goddard Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement.