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SPEAKERS

Tim Abbott Tim has been a conservation leader in western New England and Eastern New York for 25 years, working with The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land before joining the Housatonic Valley Association in 2008. As Conservation Director, he has helped nearly three dozen conservation organizations and agencies secure more than \$31,000,000 in public and private funding and protect more than 20,000 acres. He spearheads a multi-partner initiative - Follow the Forest - a North/South climate corridor of connected and protected habitat between the lower Hudson Valley and Canada. Tim serves on Connecticut's Natural Heritage, Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board, is on the Staying Connected Initiative Steering Committee and a member of Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy's Conservation Advisory Council. He is chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission in North Canaan, Connecticut. He received a B.A. in English from Haverford College in 1990, holds an M.A. in International Development from Clark University (1996), and was the recipient in 1996 of a J. William Fulbright Fellowship in Namibia, southern Africa. When not working on land use and conservation issues he is actively involved in researching and interpreting America's Revolutionary period and is president of a Revolutionary War reenacting nonprofit.

Antonia Medina Abell Antonia holds a professional degree in Architecture from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and a Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design from Columbia University. She was awarded the 'Honor' 2020 AIANY + ASLANY Transportation + Infrastructure Design Excellence Awards in the Student Projects category for her team's proposal for a carbon-zero river port and food processing facilities in Newburgh, New York. Antonia brings over three years of architectural experience in a wide range of scales and geographies; from industrial architecture projects in Santiago de Chile, commercial and city projects in the Midwest and interior design in Boston, where she worked previously for Arazi Levine Design. She is most interested in building resiliency through infrastructure.

Sam Allen Sam currently serves as the Vice President for Dover 400. He has a long history in Dover of successfully connecting divergent public and private resources to accomplish organizational and municipal goals. Sam has served as: Chair, Building Committee for the Liberty North End Fire Station construction; Chair, Fund-Raising and Building Committee for the Dover Ice Arena Expansion Project; Vice-Chair, "Save Our Bridge" Committee. Chair, Dover 375th; Chair, Dover School Board; President, Dover Historical Society/Northam Colonists; President, Dover Kiwanis Club; Member, Dover Arena Commission; President and Treasurer, Dover Group Home, Inc. Sam received the 2019 Prize for Collecting Works on Paper from Historic New England. He is happily retired after a 39-year career in higher education.

Kendra Amaral Kendra has been the Kittery Town Manager since 2016. Prior to her appointment in Kittery, Amaral held positions as the Assistant Town Manager for Wilmington, MA, the Deputy Director of Planning and Development in Lowell, MA, the Chief of Staff to the Mayor in Amesbury, MA, and Director of Planning & Research of Boston Children's Museum. Amaral also serves on the Board of Directors for the Maine Town and City Managers Association and the Board of Directors for the York Region Chamber of Commerce. Amaral holds a B.S. in Economics from Purdue University.

Jason Bachand, AICP, CFM Jason Bachand has served as Town Planner for the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire since 2014. Mr. Bachand's responsibilities in this position include but are not limited to the review of land use and development applications, drafting and amending local regulations, providing staff support to the Planning Board and other local Boards/Commissions, and directing the daily operations of the Town's Planning Office. Mr. Bachand initiated and managed the planning process for the new Town of Hampton Master Plan, which was adopted by the Planning Board on February 15, 2023. Immediately following plan adoption, he guided the process of forming a Master Plan Implementation Committee to ensure the new plan is properly utilized, with special attention on the evaluation and prioritization of its action items. Additional special projects for Hampton including the development of Architectural and Site Design Guidelines, the preparation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, and a rewrite of the Town's Floodplain Management Ordinance (which is currently being re-evaluated to address the anticipated effects of sea level rise). Mr. Bachand holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Regional Planning from Westfield State University and a Master of Regional Planning (M.R.P.) Degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has more than 20 years of professional planning experience in the public and private sectors. Mr. Bachand is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

Judi Barrett Judi Barrett, founder and managing director of Barrett Planning Group LLC, is a community planner, housing

consultant, and economic development professional with 35 years of experience in state and local government and private consulting. She has prepared numerous comprehensive plans, neighborhood revitalization plans, zoning ordinances and bylaws, and housing plans, and is highly respected for her work in socioeconomic analysis and inclusionary zoning. Judi provides technical assistance, strategic planning, and program evaluation services to public agencies and non-profit organizations, particularly those whose mission focuses on community economic development and housing affordability. She is the principal author of Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) Chapter 40B Handbook for Zoning Boards of Appeal and an on-call planning consultant for state agencies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Judi is a member of the Housing and Economic Development Product Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) New England, CNU, and the board of directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA).

Alex Belenz Alex helps communities think differently about modern planning challenges. An interdisciplinary planner, he offers a blend of creative and analytical abilities to each planning project. He continually challenges himself and those around him to think beyond “business as usual” when working to develop plans that are equitable, actionable, and effective. Alex joined SE Group in 2022, bringing a unique blend of planning experience. He spent five years as a regional planner in northern New Hampshire focusing on transportation planning, housing, and recreation, and has worked with public land managers across the country on issues of recreation, transportation, and visitor use management. Alex has a Master of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from SUNY Geneseo.

Amy Bell Amy holds a BA in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont and a master’s in planning from the University of Rhode Island. She has worked on a variety of land use, environmental and multi-modal transportation planning projects in Washoe County, Nevada; Block Island, RI; the Mid-coast region of Maine and throughout the State of Vermont. She currently works for the VT Agency of Transportation as the Bureau Director for the Policy, Planning, Research, Development Review & Permitting and Mapping sections. She formerly served as the State Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator for VT.

Donna Benton, AICP Donna is the Director of Planning and Community Development for Dover, NH. She has been on the New Hampshire Planners Association Executive Board since 2013 and NHPA President since 2020. She has worked in Dover in multiple roles since 2015. Highlights of her career include shepherding partnerships for new and re-developments, expanding the Community Trail, representing Dover for COAST Bus and the Amtrak Downeaster, revising and managing the Capital Improvement Program, creating Dover’s Customer Service Center, bringing arts and culture into the Master Plan and zoning ordinance, and increasing placemaking efforts. Prior to Garrison City, Donna worked in the Towns of Merrimack and Newmarket. She holds a Masters of Public Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Planning and Development and Minors in Community and Environmental Planning and Environmental Resource Economics from the University of New Hampshire.

James Burdin, AICP James is a Business Development Coordinator in the City of Dover, NH Office of Business Development where he specializes in technical assistance and public policy to support Dover’s business community. Prior to joining the City of Dover, James was a senior regional planner at Strafford Regional Planning Commission focusing on land use and economic development planning. James has a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

Lyndsay Butler Ms. Butler has 20+ years of experience in providing civil engineering services on a variety of public and private infrastructure and water resources management projects. Her experience encompasses all phases of project development including planning, reconnaissance studies and conceptual design, funding assistance, public facilitation, design and specification, cost estimation, permitting, and construction oversight and inspection. She has a strong background in stormwater hydraulics and hydrology in both tidal and freshwater systems. Ms. Butler is currently working as the Town Engineer in Newmarket, NH, and is committed to providing high-quality service with a focus on public health, safety, and the environment. Ms. Butler has lived and worked in New England her whole life. She grew up in Maine, obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Massachusetts, and currently resides in New Hampshire with her husband, three daughters, and two cats. In her free time, Ms. Butler enjoys spending time with family and friends doing a variety of outdoor activities like skiing/snowboarding, hiking, camping, swimming, and playing tennis.

Chris Campany Chris is the Executive Director of the Windham Regional Commission based in Brattleboro, Vermont. The Windham Region consists of 27 towns within a 920 square mile area of Southeastern Vermont. The purpose of the commission is to assist towns to provide effective local government and work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. Prior to his tenure at the Windham Regional Commission, Chris was an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and Graduate Program Coordinator at Mississippi State University; Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning for Calvert County, Maryland; Deputy Commissioner of Planning for Orange County, New York; Federal Policy Coordinator for the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture in its work on the 2002 Farm Bill; founder and Executive Director of the Baton Rouge Economic and Agricultural Development Alliance in Louisiana; and a Program Analyst and Presidential Management Intern with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. Chris holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University, and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University.

Stephanie Carver As Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission's (SMPDC) Transportation Director, Stephanie oversees the organization's transportation planning program including the Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation System (KACTS) MPO. She works closely with the MPO's nine member municipalities to draft and implement the MPO's bi-annual work program, including development of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Stephanie also oversees a variety of local and regional planning efforts, and works closely with state and local officials to leverage grants and other resources to implement transportation projects throughout the region. Prior to working at SMPDC, Stephanie was the Planning Director at the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) in Portland Maine, and began her planning career as a municipal planner in Massachusetts. She earned a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans, and a B.A. from Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Mikael Cejtin Mikael is the coordinator of the [Staying Connected Initiative](#) (SCI), a cross-border public-private partnership with a mission to conserve, restore and enhance landscape connectivity in the Northern Appalachians-Acadian region of the northeast U.S. and southeast Canada, for wildlife and for people. Prior to starting in his current role as Coordinator of the SCI partnership for The Nature Conservancy, Mikael worked for the New York State Department of State Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure on climate adaptation and resilience initiatives. Mikael earned his M.S. from Yale School of the Environment and his B.S. in wildlife biology from the University of Vermont. Mikael recently moved with his partner to an old farmhouse on New Hampshire's Seacoast, where he volunteers on his town's conservation commission.

Aga Dixon Aga is an experienced municipal land use attorney at the law firm of Drummond Woodsum in Portland, Maine. Aga has a diverse practice serving municipalities, schools, nonprofits, and Tribal Nations on a broad range of land use, energy, public finance, and climate change issues. She represents landowners, environmental nonprofits, and local governments on the full spectrum of land use, conservation, land management, planning and zoning matters. A former senior land use planner, she brings unparalleled insights to her clients: she regularly prepares local ordinances to address emerging land uses (including climate change adaptation and solar development), assists clients with public proceedings, renders legal opinions, litigates land use matters, and advises officials daily on myriad legal issues. Aga also has substantial expertise in energy law and assists public sector clients with reaching net zero goals and lowering their energy costs by negotiating renewable energy power purchase agreements, solar leases, and related transactions. She also advises public sector clients on all aspects of public finance (including tax-exempt bonds, equipment lease purchase financing, borrowing and budgets, procurement, and energy/air quality improvement projects). Aga especially enjoys advising clients on issues and opportunities presented by new State and Federal legislation affecting governance and budgets. When she is not lawyering, Aga enjoys spending time in nature – biking, hiking, camping, sailing, and paddling – with family and friends.

Nell Donaldson Nell is the Director of Special Projects in the Department of Planning & Urban Development at the City of Portland, where she has worked for the past 10 years. In her various roles with the city, she has worked on large scale development review projects, policy initiatives, streetscape and corridor studies, long-range and comprehensive plans. She is currently managing the city's [ReCode](#) effort, a complete rewriting of Portland's Land Use Code, with particular emphasis on creative housing solutions, resilience, and equity. She was born and raised in eastern Maine, graduated from Brown University, and holds a master's degree in city planning from MIT.

Donny Dumont Donny is currently the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine. His primary duties include working closely with groups connected to disaster management to include state, local, and tribal emergency management agencies plus numerous other partners. The end goal of the inter-agency coordination is to ensure a planned, coordinated, and effective preparedness & response effort for high impact hazardous weather events. Donny Dumont is a native of Massachusetts and a graduate of Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. He has 20+ years of experience in Meteorology with forecasting experience across the country and the world. His experience in the National Weather Service also includes positions in Burlington Vermont, Elko Nevada and Caribou Maine. Before he joined the National Weather Service, he was an Air Force Weather Officer with tours of service in New Mexico, Germany, and the Middle East.

Carl Eppich, AICP Carl has over two decades of experience in urban planning and design and has managed transportation and related place-making project planning, development, and financing for the last 14 years. He is experienced with all aspects of metropolitan urban transportation and land use planning. His current work is focused on federal and state modernizing of the transportation system in cities and their associated suburbs. Carl also serves as a consultant in developing 21st-Century infrastructure adaptation and resiliency and is passionate about his work in low/no-carbon transportation strategies, as well as intelligent transportation systems (ITS) in his work in transportation and urban development. Carl recently was on the consulting team that developed the joint Portland and South Portland's Climate Adaptation Action Plan through 2050. His areas of expertise include congestion mitigation and air quality, electric vehicles, eBikes, and micro-mobility, transit planning and transit-oriented development, non-motorized and active transportation, transportation project financing, and infrastructure resiliency for a changing climate Carl holds a master's degree in community planning and development (MCPD) from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine and a BS in environmental and resource economics from the University of New Hampshire.

Benjamin Frost, AICP Benjamin, Esq., is the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Legal Officer for New Hampshire Housing, where he

manages external relations, legislative initiatives, and strategic planning, and provides legal guidance on program implementation. He frequently presents on issues concerning affordable and workforce housing and land use law. Frost serves on the Legislative Committee of the NH Planners Association. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in geography from Colgate University and Syracuse University, and a J.D. from Cornell Law School with a concentration in business law and regulation.

Michele Gagnon Michele has served as the Town of Bar Harbor's Planning Director since 2019. Michele lives and works in Bar Harbor which is home to Acadia National Park. Due to the town's attraction as a popular vacation destination, Bar Harbor has a significant housing shortage. Since 2018, Ms. Gagnon has made it a priority to address the town's housing crisis. Ms. Gagnon, a French-Canadian from Quebec City, came to the United States in the mid-1990s. For seven years, she worked for Eastern Maine Development Corporation, as a Planner and as a Community Development Specialist. In 2002, she was hired as the City Planner for Ellsworth, and in 2019, she was hired as the Planning Director for the Town of Bar Harbor.

David Gamble, AICP David AIA, AICP, LEED AP David is Lecturer in Urban Design the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. Both a registered architect and urban planner, he is Principal of Gamble Associates, a Cambridge-based interdisciplinary practice that focuses on urban regeneration. He is editor of *City: How to Make Boston more Livable, Equitable and Resilient*; (UMass Press, 2023), a collection of essays on the urban planning and design challenges and opportunities for the Greater Boston Region. His 2016 book, written together with Patty Heyda, entitled *Rebuilding the American City: Design and Strategy for the 21st Century Urban Core* (Routledge Press, 2016) highlights contemporary urban design projects that have been catalysts for their downtowns. David is a recipient of the AIA National Young Architects Award and the Gabriel Prize. He has previously presented at National Planning Conferences in Phoenix, Seattle, and Atlanta.

Jason Garnham, AICP Jason is the Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Kittery, where he is focused on developing housing-supportive plans and policies, improving conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians, and preparing for updates to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He has worked in Kittery for one year and has been in Maine for only 2 years. Before returning to New England, he was Senior Planner in a large and diverse industrial suburb of Seattle, where he worked with some of the region's largest companies and public agencies on transformative projects including mass transit facilities, combined flood control/ habitat restoration/ public recreation projects, and large mixed-use and industrial developments. He earned a Master's Degree in Urban Design and Planning from the University of Washington in Seattle after ending a 15-year career in the building trades. Jason resides in Kittery with his family.

Christine Grimando, AICP Christine is the Director of the Department of Planning & Urban Development for the City of Portland. Joining the City of Portland in 2014, she has overseen planning initiatives for Maine's largest city over a period of intensive growth and change, including transformative redevelopment projects, the creation of Portland's award-winning comprehensive plan, housing, land use, climate, and transportation policy implementation, and the first rewriting of the City's Land Use Code in over half a century. Prior to Portland, she worked as a planner in Maine, Massachusetts and New York. She received her M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University and is a former Urban and Regional Policy Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Originally from New York, she has worked in Maine since 2007 and happily called Portland home since 2010.

Jennifer Hale, P.E. Jennifer Hale is the Director of Hampton Department of Public Works (DPW) with over 25 years of experience working alongside both private and public entities related to engineering design, policy decision and project management. Since joining Hampton DPW in 2015, she has overseen millions of dollars in project expenditures for both emergency and planned projects. These projects have included emergency seawall repairs and new wall designs, flood studies related to sea level rise and repetitive loss as well as many other infrastructure and roadway projects. As funding has become a sizeable obstacle for the investments needed in the Town of Hampton, Jennifer continues to search out resources and partnerships to implement projects to become a flood resilient community. The Town of Hampton was fortunate to receive two grants (over \$2.2 million dollars) to design and implement two projects recommended within the flood studies. Throughout her career, Jennifer has developed exceptional leadership and communication skills demonstrated by her commitment to working with fellow employees, regulating agencies and the public. Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire. She is a professional engineer licensed in New Hampshire and Massachusetts; a licensed septic designer, a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment control and a graduate of Leadership Seacoast, Class of 2008.

Todd Hanson, FAIA Architect Todd dedicates his career to gaining and applying experiential research to increase empathy and understanding of the needs of individuals with physical and emotional challenges. A former competitive distance runner, kayaker, skier and backpacker, Todd now lives with a degenerative neuromuscular disease leaving him unable to walk or speak. Founder of Access Navigators, a nonprofit organization that advocates for people impacted by disabilities, Todd passionately shares his insights and experiences to better our communities and society as a whole. He is a principal at JSA Design in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

Jens Hilke Jens is a Conservation Planning Biologist with the VT Fish & Wildlife Department. He leads the Community Wildlife Program providing technical assistance to VT municipalities on land use planning, helping towns, regional planning

commissions and non-governmental organizations with interpreting ecological data and applying it to land use. As a partner in the Staying Connected initiative, he works to maintain a network of habitat connectivity across the state in active coordination with land use planning, conservation science, land protection, transportation and outreach partners across the Northern Appalachian region. He's actively engaged with the VT Department of Transportation on road ecology training, as well as prioritizing important wildlife hotspots in its infrastructure through a game camera and roadside tracking program.

Noah Hodgetts Noah is a Principal Planner at the NH Office of Planning & Development (OPD). He has worked at OPD and its predecessor, the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) since March 2018, where he provides technical assistance on municipal and regional planning and zoning matters and is OPD's point person on housing policy. He has served on a number of different state commissions/taskforces including the InvestNH Planning and Zoning Grant Steering Committee, the New Hampshire Zoning Atlas Leadership Team, the Council on Housing Stability Regional Leadership & Coordination/Planning & Regulation Workgroup, the SB43 Commission to Study Barriers to Increased Land Development in New Hampshire, and Governor Sununu's Workforce Housing Taskforce. Prior to working for the State of New Hampshire, Noah worked as a research analyst for a Boston-area affordable housing consulting firm. He received a M.Sc. in Urban and Regional Policy from Northeastern University and a B.A. in Human Ecology from College of the Atlantic.

Judith Hull Judith has worked for Community Heart & Soul since 2021 as a coach and market development consultant. Her experience with community work is long-standing and she considers facilitation, listening, critical thinking, and teamwork important strengths. Community Heart & Soul is a resident-driven process that emphasizes the positive and brings communities together to create a strong foundation for long-term planning. She lives in Sugar Hill NH. Judith also works for UNH Extension, coordinating the Master Gardener program for Grafton County, New Hampshire. Known for providing research-based horticultural knowledge, Master Gardeners contribute many volunteer hours to their communities. Her work for Extension involves development and oversight of a hybrid course for prospective Master Gardeners, public programming, diversity and facilitation training, and other aspects of public outreach and education. Prior to joining UNH Cooperative Extension, Judith taught for several decades in professional schools of architecture, where attention to urban planning and community organization is fundamental to the curriculum. She received a B.A. from Binghamton University and an M.A. from UMASS Amherst and holds a PhD in the history of architecture from Columbia University.

Elisabeth Infield Elisabeth is a Professor of Regional Planning at UMass Amherst. She has been researching municipal climate adaptation since 2007 and seeks to merge good land use planning with resilience to make places that are better both now and in the future. Her current work is on an NSF funded project on climate migration in the US northeast, with a particular focus on preparing receiving communities to welcome in-comers while sustaining the local quality of life and ecology. She directs the *UMass Graduate Certificate in Climate Change, Hazards and Green Infrastructure* which welcomes non-degree students -- more info on that at: <https://www.umass.edu/larp/certificates/ccgi>. She is also a co-editor for *Planning for Climate Change: A Reader in Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Design for Resilient Cities*, available through your local bookstore or at *Planning for Climate Change Reader through Amazon*, as well as two other books and a range of peer-reviewed articles. She can be contacted at eminfield@umass.edu.

Jennifer Jacobs Jennifer is a Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of New Hampshire. She has over 25 years of experience and 100 published journal articles on water resources, climate change, and infrastructure. Dr. Jacobs is Director of the Infrastructure & Climate Network (ICNet), a network of over 100 academics, students, and practitioners who are dedicated to accelerating climate science and engineering research across the United States. The ICNet focuses on climate change and sea level rise impacts and adaptation for sustainable bridges, roads, and transportation networks. The ICNet was established in October 2012 with support from the National Science Foundation.

Nathan Kelly, AICP, NCI Nathan, president of Horsley Witten has over 23 years of project management experience, and has provided professional planning, zoning, and facilitation services to more than 50 New England municipalities. Nate served as President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association from 2017-18 and regularly delivers training at regional conferences. He regularly provides training services for the Cape Housing Initiative and the Mass Housing Partnership and received the Friends of the Network award from Rhode Island's Housing Network in 2020. Nate was appointed to the Rhode Island State Legislature's Land Use Commission in 2021.

Yuseung Kim, AICP Professor Kim teaches Elements of Plan Making, GIS for Municipal Applications, and Principles of Town Design at the University of Southern Maine. He also participates in the Sustainability Solutions Initiative, a federally funded partnership between USM and UMaine to link science with policy solutions that support human needs while preserving ecological systems. Prior to joining Muskies, Dr. Kim was a lecturer at the University of Colorado Denver, where he earned his doctorate in design and planning, and worked in South Korea as a researcher and planner at the Seoul Development Institute, where his focus was economic planning and urban growth modeling.

Kevin Kraft, AICP Kevin Kraft is the Deputy Director of Planning & Urban Development for the City of Portland, Maine. Kevin, previously served as a Senior Planner & Borough Certification Manager for the NYC Department of City Planning where he oversaw the Brooklyn office's pipeline of applications, led large-scale development projects, and worked

on neighborhood studies including the *North Brooklyn Industrial Study* and *Gowanus neighborhood study*. Prior to his work in NYC, Kevin was a Senior Planner at the Mercer County Planning Department in New Jersey. He is an AICP certified planner and earned his Master's in City & Regional Planning from the Pratt Institute and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from Rutgers University – Camden.

Natasha Kypfer

Natasha is pleased to serve as Conference Chair this year in New Castle. Presently, she works as a Planner in the City of Portland, Maine's Department of Planning & Urban Development. Prior to joining the City of Portland in October 2023, Natasha served as Zoning Administrator and Assistant City Planner with the City of Dover, New Hampshire's Department of Planning & Community Development and, before that, as Town Planner with the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire's Community Development Office. Natasha received her Bachelor of Science in Speech Communication at Northern Arizona University and her Master of Public Administration from the University of Montana. Originally hailing from London, England and Bangkok, Thailand, she relocated to New England, by way of northern Arizona and southwestern Montana, nearly four years ago; Natasha presently resides in Kittery, Maine, with her husband, Earl, and loveable feline named Solveij.

Cathy LaFata

Cathy, AICP CTP, Transportation Equity Director at HDR with over 28 years of experience in transportation and environmental planning, Cathy is an equity, environmental justice (EJ), and Title VI subject matter expert. She assists transit agencies, state DOTs, MPOs, and other transportation agencies to integrate equity and EJ early and throughout program and project development. Cathy leads HDR's cross-sector EJ and Equity practice group, comprised of over 180 professionals, through which she collaborates across business lines, such as architecture, water resources, power and energy, etc. Cathy sits on the Transportation Research Board's Standing Committee on Equity in Transportation and Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Equity Committee. As part of the ITE Equity Committee, she recently collaborated with industry colleagues to develop the Foundational Equity Glossary.

Jane Lafleur

Jane is principal of Jane Lafleur Consultants, the founder of The Community Institute, and a Community Heart & Soul coach working with small cities and towns across the US. Jane Lafleur Consultants provides community development, planning, citizen engagement and civic leadership training and educational programs throughout Maine and the US. Her work includes community facilitation, town planning, walkability and place-making training and audits and other community assessments, as well as coaching Community Heart & Soul teams through the two-year community development process. Before retiring in the beginning of 2023, she was the Senior Director of Market Development at Community Heart & Soul, a resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. Previously, she served for 13 years as the Executive Director of Friends of Midcoast Maine, a regional smart growth organization. Lafleur was named Professional Planner of the Year by the Maine Association of Planners and the Northern New England Chapter of APA. She graduated from the University of Maine and holds a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

Max Latona

Max, Ph.D., is a Professor of Philosophy at Saint Anselm College, Executive Director of the College's Center for Ethics in Society, and the former Bready Chair of Ethics Economics, and the Common Good. He received his doctorate in philosophy from Boston College in 2001 and has published numerous articles in philosophy and ethics. His work as Executive Director of the College's Center for Ethics in Society is guided by the belief that our organizations and communities are desperately in need of opportunities for education, reflection, civil dialogue, and collaboration on the ethical issues and challenges that we face.

Jeffrey Levine, AICP

Jeff is an urban planner who has worked in New England for 25 years. Currently, he is a faculty member of the Department of Urban Studies & Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also the Owner and Principal of Levine Planning Strategies, a small consulting firm that specializes in bridging the gap between the development community and city planners. From 2012 to 2019, he was the Director of Planning & Urban Development for the City of Portland, ME. Prior to working in Portland, Jeff worked in the City of Somerville (MA), where he developed plans for the redevelopment of the Assembly Square district as well as for extension of an existing light rail line through the city. He also served as the Director of Planning & Community Development for the Town of Brookline (MA) where he worked on several affordable housing developments and completed their Comprehensive Plan. Jeff also serves on the Boards of Greater Portland METRO Board of Directors, GrowSmart Maine, and the Northern New England chapter of the American Planning Association. His book *Leadership in Planning: How to Communicate Ideas and Effect Positive Change* (Routledge) was published in July 2021.

Matthew Littell

Matthew is one of the founding principles of Utile. Through his work in the firm's architecture, planning, and early phase development projects, he has gained an expertise in building and zoning codes and the regulatory process specifically as they relate to urban design and housing. Matthew has directed many of the firm's early phase planning and urban design projects, including the Downtown Boston Waterfront Municipal Harbor Plan, as well as the design guidelines and zoning for the Rose Kennedy Greenway District. He served as Utile's principal-in-charge for Imagine Boston 2030, the city's first comprehensive plan in 50 years. In addition, he leads the firm's international urban design practice, with projects in the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, and Jordan. Matthew has taught in the graduate architecture program at Northeastern University, and currently teaches a course in Urban Design and sustainable practices at Boston College. He earned his M.Arch. from Harvard's Graduate School of Design in 1997, where he received the Boston Society of Architects' James Templeton Kelly award for the best final design project, as well as the Clifford Wong prize for outstanding design in housing.

Laura Machala, AICP

Laura currently holds the title of Transportation Planner II at the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City, Missouri. In this position since 2015, she helped manage the development of Smart Moves 3.0: The Long-Term Transit and Mobility Plan for the Kansas City Region. Adopted in 2017, Smart Moves seeks to expand and improve transit and align mobility services along with pedestrian and bicycle facilities, to better serve the community—especially when it comes to jobs accessibility. Laura’s employment at MARC began in 2013 as the Solar Energy Coordinator, when she worked with 26 local governments to streamline their solar permitting practices and generally be more solar-friendly. Before her employment at MARC, Laura worked for the City of Kansas City, Mo. in the Public Works Department on bicycle and pedestrian policy issues and as a land use planning consultant in San Francisco, California. Laura holds a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies from Oberlin College and a Master’s degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She lives with her husband, 2-year-old twins, and scruffy old dog.

Sarah Marchant, AICP

Sarah is the Chief of Staff and VP of the ROC-NH Program at the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund. She leads the Resident Owned Communities (ROC) NH team and the organization’s environmental justice work, from shrinking the organization’s carbon footprint to extending clean energy to low-wealth communities including manufactured housing homeowners and resident owned manufactured parks. She is responsible for business management, operations, executive communications, and cross-organizational strategic initiatives. Marchant is a leading voice in New Hampshire and among urban planners nationally on the nexus of community development, affordable home ownership and environmental justice. In 2022, Sarah was elected to the American Planning Association’s AICP Commission for Region 5 and Professional Development Officer of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA). In 2019, Sarah was appointed to the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) Board of Directors and serves as Vice Chair. Previously, she served the City of Nashua from 2014-2021 as the Director of Community Development, where she developed the city’s net zero strategy and led over 70 team members across six departments: Building Safety; Code Enforcement; Planning and Zoning; Waterways; Transportation; Urban Programs; and various boards, and programs.

Bart McDonough

Bart has over 10 years of experience in the community development field, working exclusively in the public and non-profit sectors. Specifically, he has an extensive background in regulatory reform, project permitting, and community facilitation. Mr. McDonough is currently the Director of Planning and Community Development for the Town of Newmarket, NH, and is dedicated to assisting the town to develop reforms and policies that foster sustainable economic development opportunities, improve community and climate resiliency, and promote cultural advancements. Mr. McDonough is a New Englander, primarily residing in New Hampshire for most of his existence, with extended intervals in other parts of the globe such as Austria, Germany, Zambia, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He enjoys traveling, languages, and public spaces, amongst other interests. He has a love-hate relationship with the game of chess and a vast appreciation for vexillology. He currently lives in Maine with his wife, two children, and tyrannical cat.

Tom Morgan, AICP

Tom has operated the Portsmouth-based TZM Planning since 1982. In that capacity, he advises municipalities in southern Maine and southeast NH on utility-scale solar arrays, EV fast chargers, and parking reform. He has extensive experience in open space protection, bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure, workforce housing, and historic preservation. Mr. Morgan frequently collaborates in joint ventures with other firms. He chaired Portsmouth’s Zoning Board of Adjustment during the 1980’s, co-founded [Portsmouth Smart Growth](#) in 2014, served as a commissioner on NH’s Coastal Risks & Hazards Commission from 2014 to 2016, is currently serving a third term on the NH Highway Layout Commission (appointed by the Governor & Council), participated in two UN conferences in South America (1992 & 2015), and has been a Proprietor at the Portsmouth Athenaeum since 1985.

Thomas Morley, AICP

Thomas is the Community Planning and Liaison Officer (CPLO) for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. He is responsible for implementing compatible land-use strategies through effective community outreach and engagement. The CPLO serves as a bridge between the installation and the community, local governments and private stakeholders with regards to compatibility of development projects. Mr. Morley manages the Installation’s Encroachment Management Plan and serves as the Installation Commanding Officer’s representative at local and regional government meetings, providing expertise on land use planning issues across the Installation’s Area of Responsibility, covering multiple Navy bases across Northern New England.

Zoë Mueller

Zoë is an urban planner and associate at Utile, where her work focuses on district and citywide planning efforts, especially related to resilience, economic development, transportation, and zoning. Her prior experience spans multiple regions and sectors—spatial data analysis for energy and telecom companies, non-profit community development work, academic consulting for public sector transportation planning and economic development initiatives in Israel and Mexico, and public sector urban design review in Boston. This diversity of experience has given her a deep understanding of how social movements and governance structures initiate, activate and animate plans and designs. Zoë has developed a specialty in resilience zoning, working waterfront planning, and zoning and design guidelines with a focus on the New England context. Zoë served as the project manager leading the development of Providence’s recently adopted I-195 Redevelopment District Flood Resilience Standards and is serving in the same role for ReCode Portland: Resilience. Zoë also managed the development of the Norwalk Industrial Waterfront Land Use Plan and Gloucester’s Harbor Plan, which focused on issues of resilience, economic and workforce development, and urban design integration. Outside of resilience and waterfront planning work, Zoë has worked on various zoning and design guideline efforts such as Worcester Now | Next Citywide Plan, RIHousing’s

Affordable Housing Design and Construction Guidelines Update, various MBTA Communities by-right multifamily housing zoning efforts, and Atlanta's citywide rezoning to name a few. Zoë grew up in Cambridge, MA and lives in Providence, RI with her wife and dog. She completed her Master's degree in City Planning with a certificate in Urban Design at MIT and holds an interdisciplinary undergraduate degree in Urban Design and Cultural Geography with certificates in Environmental Studies and Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory. Her award-winning academic research focused on the creation and contestation of the US Interstate Highway System and subsequently on the transportation, land use, and design challenges facing urban ports. In addition to professional practice, Zoë has taught a design studio at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Alyssa Murphy, AIA

Alyssa is an architect and founding Principal of Placework, an architecture and planning studio in Portsmouth. Her work is centered on projects that support communities, serving civic, educational, and non-profit institutions. Placework is the first architecture firm to become a Certified B Corporation in New Hampshire, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to positive social and environmental impact. Alyssa is currently serving on the national Strategic Council of the American Institute of Architects, where her work has focused on Carbon Literacy and envisioning Climate-Positive Practice.

Brianna O'Brien

Brianna has served as the Conservation Coordinator for the Town of Hampton since 2021. She has a variety of responsibilities for the Town with the focus of supporting the Conservation Commission in improving the local ecological health and resilience of Hampton, specifically through the protection of the Town's wetlands. Brianna reviews Town and State Wetland permit applications, drafts and amends local regulations, provides public education and outreach, and manages conservation land. She also oversees conservation and restoration work in Hampton which includes the largest amount of salt marshes in the state. She serves as the liaison between Town Boards, NHDES and the public and works closely with the NHDES Coastal Program as well as other local organizations including the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Team (CHAT) and the Piscataqua Regions Estuary Partnership (PREP) where she sits on the Management Committee. Brianna graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies in 2017. In 2023, Brianna successfully completed a UN Certificate Course, Policy Coherence and Systems Thinking for Sustainable Development and is a LEED Green Associate.

James O'Connell, FAICP

Jim O'Connell, AICP, is Adjunct Professor in the City Planning Program at Boston University. He has a B.A. from Bates College and a Ph.D. in Urban History from the University of Chicago. He teaches courses on History, Theory, & Practice of Planning, Global Cities; and The Planning of Metropolitan Boston at Boston University. He also has taught courses at the Boston Architectural College and UMass-Amherst. Jim has worked in urban planning positions at the Boston Regional Office of the National Park Service, Cape Cod Commission, and Springfield, MA. Jim has served as chair of the Massachusetts Zoning Reform Working Group. His books include Dining Out in Boston: A Culinary History, & The Hub Metropolis: Boston's Suburban Development, From Railroad Suburbs to Smart Growth, and Becoming Cape Cod: Creating a Seaside Resort; He is currently writing a book about how Boston has become a global city. Jim also leads urban planning walking tours in Greater Boston.

Ryan O'Connor

Ryan is proud to be serving as Town Planner for Conway New Hampshire. O'Connor studied Economics at the University of New Hampshire and Urban & Regional Planning at Virginia Tech. O'Connor was previously the Senior Planner in Rochester New Hampshire and is currently on the Board of Directors with the Mount Washington Valley Housing Coalition. O'Connor has worked to support New Hampshire food systems with the USDA and continues to volunteer with the Forest Service to encourage more equitable access to the White Mountains. He holds a continued focus on inclusive engagement and is committed to supporting community resilience.

Christopher Parker, AICP

Christopher has over 25 years of municipal experience having served in various capacities with the City of Dover, NH since 1997, where he has focused on developing long term goals and objectives for the City and overseeing the land use and development functions within the community development arena. Among the projects that Chris has worked on for the City of Dover he is most proud of the McConnell Center (converting a 100,000 square foot former school into a human service hub), the development of New Hampshire's first Form Based Code for Dover's downtown, developing a proactive customer service based planning and development process in Dover encouraging participation and education, revamping the City's Capital Improvement's Program, and promoting policies which promote attainable housing. Chris supports all municipal departments with strategic planning activities, oversees downtown development/redevelopment, and assists the City Manager with special projects and community initiatives. Chris lives in Dover and was named the professional planner of the year for both the State of New Hampshire and Northern New England in 2011.

Brian Pearce

Brian is Principal of wayfinding and signage firm omloop design. The firm works collaboratively with clients, architects, and planners to seamlessly integrate identity and wayfinding into the built environment, addressing user needs and building a strong brand image. Omloop works with a diverse range of clients and project types, bringing fresh perspectives and creative cross-disciplinary thinking. Before founding omloop in 2011, Brian Pearce worked for Sasaki Associates for over 16 years and as Design Director for the Hillier Group for 8 years. Brian earned his Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Photography from Beloit College. Omloop and Gamble Associates have collaborated on over a dozen projects over the last decade, including Façade Design Guidelines recently for the Broadway corridors in Revere and Chelsea, MA.

Jennifer Raitt

Jennifer is the Executive Director of the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments, a regional planning agency based in Lowell, MA. She has worked with local, regional, state, and national organizations on municipal, planning, and housing and community development issues. She serves on multiple local and state-level boards and organizations, including the APA Legislative and Policy Steering Committee and the Housing Supply Accelerator, a national leadership team working on a set of housing principles and policies to guide the National League of Cities and the APA. As co-chair of national cross-sector task forces, she developed policy guides on housing and aging in community and developed campaigns to encourage communities to address housing affordability and availability through improved local planning. She served as an expert panelist for a Congressional Subcommittee on Transportation Housing and Urban Development hearing providing testimony on building climate resilience into federal funding programs. Her professional and personal experiences are incorporated into frequent lectures, training, and presentations. Her affordable housing, fair housing, municipal collaboration, and transportation work has been awarded and recognized by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, American Planning Association, Massachusetts Municipal Association, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Women's Transportation Seminar, and local and regional jurisdictions. Her piece, Ending Zoning's Racist Legacy, was published in the January 2022 issue of Zoning Practice.

George Reagan

George is the Director of Community Engagement at New Hampshire Housing. In that role, he helps communities and organizations show the connection between an adequate and balanced supply of housing and economic growth and stability. He works with public officials, organizations and business partners, as well as regional workforce housing advocacy groups, to provide education, technical assistance and support. Prior to joining New Hampshire Housing, Reagan held consumer and commercial lending positions with Fleet Bank and St. Mary's Bank, and was the campaign director for United Way of the Greater Seacoast and United Way of Greater Manchester.

Tim Roache

Tim is the Executive Director of the Rockingham Planning Commission. He is responsible for overall management of the agency and works with the Commission's highly experienced staff, its Executive Committee and community representatives on policy and strategic planning initiatives. Tim's career includes positions in air quality, highway and airport noise, and environmental and transportation planning fields. More recently Tim is applying his background in Meteorology to address community preparedness and resilience to extreme weather and climate change. Tim is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Valerie T. Rochon

Valerie is the Managing Director of Portsmouth NH 400th, Inc., a non-profit organization created to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the City of Portsmouth in 2023. Ms. Rochon served as President and Chief Collaborator of The Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth prior to her current commitment to the City of Portsmouth. She has many years of nonprofit management and destination marketing experience, including serving as the Executive Director of the Stowe Area Association in Vermont, responsible for marketing the mountain community domestically and internationally. She has served on the boards of the NH Travel Council and the NH Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Portsmouth Citizens Response Task Force, the Seacoast Chamber Alliance, the advisory boards for Great Bay Community College, Granite State College, and Accelerate Women in Hospitality Leadership. She co-founded and served for 21 years on the Board of the Stowe Weekend of Hope for cancer survivors and their families. Ms. Rochon is a graduate of the University of Vermont's Snelling Center Vermont Leadership Institute and has a Bachelor's in Hospitality and Tourism Management from Northern Vermont University. She resides near the beach in Hampton NH.

Karen Sentoff

Karen is a Senior Transportation Consultant delivering practice-ready solutions to address complex problems. Her practice is at the confluence of transportation planning, engineering, and research, where her versatile experience supports VHB's Transportation Systems Team. She manages multimodal transportation projects at the intersection of land use, energy, and climate, helping to enable improved decision making and actionable strategies at local, regional, and statewide scales. Karen's interest in transportation modeling, scenario planning, policy plan development, novel data collection, and research methods supports her planning and engineering work for state agencies, planning organizations, municipalities, institutions, and developers.

Tom Skwierawski

Tom took over as the Chief of Planning and Community Development for the City of Revere in October 2022. His department oversees and plans development in Revere, one of the fastest growing cities in the Commonwealth. The mission of the Department of Planning & Development is to create an environment in the City of Revere that is conducive to retaining, growing, and attracting businesses and residents, thereby strengthening and revitalizing our neighborhoods and stabilizing and transforming the physical, social, civic and economic environment of Revere. Prior to his time in Revere, Tom served as the Executive Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Fitchburg. Tom received a bachelor's degree in urban studies and Sociology from the College of Charleston, and his Masters in Urban Planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Benjamin Smith, AICP

Ben launched North Star Planning in 2017, following more than a decade as planner in Windham, one of the fastest growing communities in the state. At North Star Planning, Ben works with the public, municipalities, and private companies to create and sustain the places that make northern New England special. Ben holds a master's degree in Community Planning and Development from the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine and a BA from Bates College. Ben also serves on the Board of GrowSmart Maine, a statewide smart growth organization. Born and raised in Northern Maine, Ben loves to explore the outdoors all around northern New

England with his family and friends.

Jason Sorens Jason is Senior Research Faculty at the American Institute for Economic Research. His research has focused on housing policy and land-use regulation, fiscal federalism, U.S. state politics, and movements for regional autonomy and independence around the world. His most recent work studies the effects of zoning regulations on housing supply and cost and the messaging that persuades voters to support more home-building and zoning reform. He has taught at Yale, Dartmouth, Saint Anselm College, and the University at Buffalo and lives in Amherst, N.H.

Andy Stecher Andy lives in Rye, NH. He is 60 years old, married with 2 adult children. He was born and raised in Germany but moved to the United States in the 1980's. Andy holds dual citizenship from both the US and Germany. He currently serves as CEO for Tekscope Inc., an IT Managed Services firm headquartered in New York City. Andy's 40-year professional career has primarily focused on manufacturing with a special focus on finance, operations, supply chain, HR, and IT. Andy Stecher became chairman of the Rye 400 Celebratory Committee in early 2022. Rye celebrates 400 years since its first settlement in 1623. The program features a total of over 50 events throughout 2023 and can be found at www.ryenh400.org.

Nick Taylor Nick serves as the Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. Nick brings extensive advocacy, policy, and campaign experience to the Coalition. He previously served as the Policy Director in the New Hampshire State Senate, worked on state and federal advocacy campaigns, and ran state legislative and statewide political campaigns. With a deep understanding of the relationship between housing and the economy, Nick appreciates the complexity of solving our housing crisis. Nick recognizes the value of leveraging a good story, building strong relationships, and growing grassroots movements from the ground up. Nick's familiarity with the legislative process in New Hampshire will serve him well when it's time for the Coalition to testify in Concord! Nick has a Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton College in New York, where he studied public policy, history, and legal studies. Nick lives in Manchester and, in his free time, you can find him exploring the state's great craft breweries and local restaurants.

Amy Tchao Amy is the Leader of Drummond and Woodsum's Municipal Law Practice Group and has over twenty-five years of experience advising municipalities and other public clients on a broad range of municipal issues, including land use permitting and enforcement, zoning compliance (including shoreland zoning matters), ordinance drafting (including zoning/land use ordinances and other ordinances governing short-term rentals, impact fees and other specialty areas), cannabis regulation, elections, freedom of information requests, property tax and assessment matters, review of contracts, and municipal governance issues. Amy serves as general counsel for several Maine municipalities, and has served as special counsel, too. She also represents municipalities before local and state boards and permitting authorities, and state and federal courts. Amy has also been recognized by national and regional publications which rate municipal lawyers such as Best Lawyers and Martindale Hubbell. Amy has substantial experience resolving complex problems involving shorefront development, access and permitting issues. For example, Amy represented a municipality in complex, multi-year, multi-party litigation over public beach access and recreation rights, including appearing before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. As town attorney, she successfully negotiated a land-use agreement between hundreds of private property owners and the town ensuring public recreational access and ongoing management of the beach resource. She has also drafted ordinances for beach management and use and license agreements for public use of privately owned shorefront resources, handled dock and wharf permitting disputes, and provided guidance to coastal towns on public access and ongoing use issues. Amy has presented at several workshops and conferences on topics related to public access to Maine's coastal areas. In her free time, Amy enjoys being active and exploring the outdoors with her family, skiing, boating, hiking, surfing, cooking, traveling, eating, and cooking Asian and other ethnic foods. She also enjoys playing guitar (and occasionally making music with her daughters when they let her). She has coached youth girls' lacrosse for 10 years, and currently serves on the Board of the Kennebunkport Climate Initiative, a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth voices in Maine and across the country for climate action through education and activism.

Meagan Tuttle, AICP Meagan is the Director of the Office of City Planning for the City of Burlington, VT. In her previous role as the city's Principal Planner, Meagan worked on the development of comprehensive, downtown, and neighborhood plans. She has previously worked for communities in Indiana and State College, PA. Her leadership of projects brings together broad, multi-disciplinary teams. Meagan has honed her natural facilitation skills to solicit extensive public input and communicate complex information for the creation of comprehensive and conceptual plans and to translate long-range planning priorities into capital projects, technical documents, and adopted policy.

Anne Weidman Anne is co-founder of Access Navigators, a nonprofit organization that advocates for people impacted by disabilities. Anne works directly with city officials, business owners and tourism leaders to help them understand how accessibility can be a strong economic driver in their communities. She meets with people and organizations across New England to elevate awareness of community accessibility and facilitates graduate level accessibility projects at the University of New Hampshire and Salem State University in Massachusetts. Anne is director of business development at JSA Design in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and an active volunteer in her community.

Katiemae White Katiemae White grew up in New Hampshire and has been participating in Plan NH Community Design Charrette Program since 2018. In 2021, she chose to complete a review of the Charrette Program for her Masters in Resilient & Sustainable Communities at Prescott College. Currently, Katiemae is a marketing assistant and proposal writer for GPI, a full-service engineering and design firm, in their Portsmouth office.

Erik Woyciesjes Erik is a market analyst at RKG Associates specializing in housing, public policy, and leveraging big data to inform client decision making. In his work, Erik leverages open-source software to develop analytical tools, research methodologies, and data visualization that support a wide array of real estate and planning applications. He has been involved in housing-related projects spanning small towns, large cities, multi-community regions, and states. Prior to his work at RKG, Erik worked in academic research at the University of Buffalo's Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities Lab.

Sarah Wrightsman Sarah is the Community Engagement Coordinator at New Hampshire Housing. Prior to joining the team at New Hampshire Housing, Wrightsman was Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast and the Housing Coordinator for the Regional Economic Development Center, which serves southern New Hampshire. Wrightsman is a graduate of Leadership Seacoast's class of 2019 and Leadership New Hampshire's Class of 2021. She holds a master's degree in public policy from the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire. Wrightsman was selected for the Union Leader's 40 Under Forty list in 2020, and featured in New Hampshire Magazine's 2019 "It List," named a "10 to Watch" winner by Seacoast Media Group and Catapult Seacoast and named "Civic Leader of the Year" by Stay Work Play and NH Public Radio in 2018. A resident of Newmarket, Wrightsman is the co-host and co-founder of the New Hampshire-based podcast, Creative Guts.

Raegan Young Raegan is SMPDC's Special Projects Coordinator and Communications Manager, working on various transportation, land use and economic development planning efforts. Raegan is co-lead on the SMPDC Brownfields program, as well as running various comprehensive plans, GIS projects and services, and the organization-wide communications. She has a degree in Environmental Science from Plymouth State University and a Master's in Policy, Planning and Management from the Muskie School of Public Service, and has been involved with the JLUS project for all of her three years at SMPDC.