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Meet the MTCMA Ambassadors

The MTCMA Ambassadors listed herein have been appointed by the MTCMA Executive Board to serve as resources for MTCMA members. These Ambassadors are real assets to the association, able to offer extensive professional knowledge, as well as guidance and counsel to the membership. Together, they have over 100 years of local government management experience in Maine and many are recipients of either the prestigious Linc Stackpole or Leadership awards. The MTCMA Executive Board continually seeks additional nominations for Ambassadors to represent all 16 counties in Maine.

MTCMA members are welcome to contact an Ambassador for advice and assistance, as needed. Please respect each Ambassador's time and recognize that they abide by the MTCMA and ICMA code of ethics and standard rules on conflict of interest.

Bill Bridgeo (207) 626-2300 william.bridgeo@augustamaine.gov

City Manager, City of Augusta • 16 Cony Street • Augusta, ME 04330

Bill Bridgeo was born and raised in Aroostook County. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from St. Michael's College in Vermont and Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hartford. He has spent over thirty years as a municipal manager first as Assistant Town Manager of Killingly, Connecticut and then as city manager of Calais, Maine, Canandaigua, New York and for the past fifteen years Augusta, Maine. He currently serves on the adjunct faculty at the University of Maine at Augusta and held a similar position with the State University of New York. He is past president of the New York Municipal Management Association and has served on the boards of the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine Development Foundation and the Kennebec Valley YMCA. He is married to Janice Church Bridgeo a Winthrop second grade teacher. They have two grown children.

Term: Sept. 1, 2016-2019

Ruth Cushman (207) 645-2422 Rec12350@yahoo.com

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Ruth Cushman started her municipal career as a Selectman in the Town of Strong and moved on from there to the First Administrative Assistant for the Town of Anson and then on to be Town Manager for Livermore Falls, and over 13 years in Jay. Along the way she became a Certified Maine Municipal Manager, a Certified Maine Assessor on inactive status and a Certified Code Enforcement Officer. She is widowed with 2 sons and daughters in law, 2 grandchildren and pets and lives in Wilton. She was a Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year recipient as well as a Leadership Award recipient. She was the President of Maine Town and City Management Association twice. She has served on many boards affiliated with the Maine Municipal Association, including the Executive Board.

Term: Aug. 6, 2019-2022

Kathryn Ruth (207) 487-3136 townmanager@pittsfield.org

Town Manager, Town of Pittsfield • 112 Somerset Avenue • Pittsfield, ME 04967

Kathryn started her municipal career as a teenager volunteering at the town office and attending town meetings. As part of the CETA program in the 1970's, Kathryn was hired to staff town offices. She was hooked. It was off to the University of Maine at Orono for a BA and MPA in Public Administration. Her first town manager's job in the early 1980's was in Bowdoinham for 5 years, followed by nearly 10 years in Hermon, 5 years in Topsham and currently is in her 13th year in Pittsfield. Kathryn serves on many boards including the Central Maine Egg Festival; First Park; Ken-Som Transition Team; KVCOG; MTCMA; Pittsfield Area Kiwanis; Pittsfield Ec Dev Corporation; Pittsfield Historical Society; Sebasticook Healthy Communities; Sebasticook Valley Chamber; and Somerset Economic Development Corporation.

Term: July 30, 2020-2023

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Mitchell A. Berkowitz (207) 751-6293 mgt4u2@gmail.com

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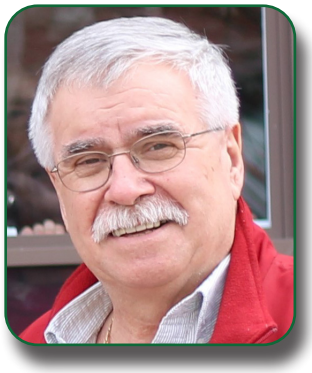
Mitch is a transplant from the New York City region and has lived his adult life in New England. He has served as a Superintendent of Recreation and Parks and then as City Manager for the City of Berlin, NH accumulating over 24 years of city service. After completing three years as Town Manager in Colchester, VT, he relocated to Gray, Maine where he assumed the position of Town Manager for the next five years after which he accepted the Bridgton Town Manager position for 8 and one half years. He recently retired from his municipal manager career in Bridgton and remains active in the profession. In all, his career spanned over 43 years of employment experience in federal and municipal government as well as non-profit agencies. His experiences include dealing with personnel, financing, planning, service delivery systems and customers, facilitating community and committee work and serving as a trustee to the Gray Water District in Gray. His recent article regarding planning for your retirement expresses the need for professionals to look ahead and consider their options and challenges. Being available to converse with other managers is part of the Ambassador's program mission and he serves as a resource to our professionals. He lives in Gray, Maine with his wife Sally and they travel often to visit their three daughters and six grandchildren.

Term: Sept. 1, 2017-2020



Perry Ellsworth (207) 384-3300 pellsworth@sbmaine.us

Town Manager, Town of South Berwick • 180 Main Street • South Berwick, ME 03908

Perry has served municipal government in a variety of capacities for the last 25 years. After working as a manager for International Paper for twenty eight years he decided to utilize what he had learned and became a town manager and served first in Rangeley, Maine for six and one half years before becoming the Town Manager in South Berwick in January of 2011. Perry's experiences as a Selectman in Strong, Maine for seven years and service to School and Planning Boards, Franklin County Budget Committee, as well as Code Enforcement Certification were foundations that have resulted in the MTCMA Rookie Manager Award in 2005 and the MTCMA Leadership Award in 2014. Perry has served on the Executive Boards of AVCOG and SMPDC. He is an active member of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. Perry serves on the MTCMA Executive Board. Although Perry resides in York County during the week, he returns to Strong in Franklin County on weekends to spend time with his wife, Sue and their eight grandchildren.

Term: July 30, 2020-2023

Ryan Pelletier (207) 493-3318 ryan@aroostook.me.us

County Administrator, Aroostook County • 144 Sweden Street, Suite 1 • Caribou, ME 04736-2353

Ryan D. Pelletier was born in Edmundston, NB Canada and raised in Aroostook County. Ryan holds undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Business Management from the University of Maine at Fort Kent; a certificate of municipal leadership from the Muskie School of Public Service; and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Norwich University in Vermont. He has spent two decades in local and regional management including Town Manager positions in Wallagrass, St. Agatha and Madawaska. He is currently the County Administrator of Aroostook County and also served a time as the Director of Economic & Workforce Development at the Northern Maine Development Commission serving Aroostook & Washington Counties. Ryan and his partner Jennifer Dufour reside in St. Agatha and collectively they have four children.

Term: Nov. 9, 2017-2020

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Richard Davis (207) 778-6538 RDavis@Farmington-Maine.org

Town Manager, Town of Farmington • 153 Farmington Falls Road • Farmington, ME 04938

Richard Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Management and a Master of Public Administration (MPA), earning both degrees at the University of Maine. While studying for the MPA, he was awarded the Department of Public Administration's *Barrie E. Blunt Outstanding Graduate Student Award*. Richard completed the Maine Municipal Association's Municipal Leadership Program in 2004. He is a two-time recipient of the Maine Town, City and County Management Association's Leadership Award, and is a certified municipal manager.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Richard has been involved in local government since 1984. He served previously as the Town Manager of two Maine municipalities, Buckfield and Wilton.

Richard is a member of a number of state, regional, municipal and civic organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and the Executive Committee of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, of which he is a Past President. He also serves on the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee, and is a founding Director of the Greater Franklin Development Corporation. He has been a member of the Farmington Rotary Club since 2001. Richard resides in Wilton with his wife Richelle.

Term: June 21, 2019-2022

Betsy Fitzgerald (207) 255-3127 manager@washingtoncountymaine.com

County Manager, Washington County • PO Box 297 • Machias, ME 04654-0297

Betsy Fitzgerald returned to Washington County following a teaching career in central Maine. As Machias Town Manager, she worked to increase awareness of the historical importance of the Machias area and bring economic development to the downtown area.

Since 2010, Fitzgerald has served as the County Manager. She has focused on economic development activities and social issues in the County. The use of TIF funds for economic development in the Unorganized Territories has spurred a number of new enterprises ranging from guiding services to trucking. The growing necessity for affordable housing, transitional housing, and the housing needs of the older generation are priorities as well. The establishment of the Washington County Historical and Genealogical Society will provide an entity to care for the extensive newspaper collection and the genealogical resources soon to become available to the public. With the opening of the Washington County Heritage Center, residents and visitors will be able to view items found in the attic of the Court House and contributions from people county-wide.

Fitzgerald graduated from Washington Academy and the University of Maine, Machias. She holds a MA from the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Policy at USM. She serves as chair for the Washington County Development Authority, and Downeast Community Partners. Fitzgerald also represents Washington County on the Land Use Planning Commission as a Commissioner.

Term: Nov. 9, 2018-2021

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Margaret N. (Peggy) Daigle (207) 746-5116 (H) / (207) 299-8822 (Mobile)

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Peggy is semi-retired and works as needed providing interim town managing services to communities in Maine. She has worked since 1990 with 9 different towns and cities as their City or Town Manager. The municipalities in order include Patten, Enfield, East Millinocket, Houlton, Old Town, Caribou, Millinocket, Howland and Lincoln. In addition, she has worked as Director of Municipal GIS for the James W. Sewall Company in Old Town and as Executive Director for the Bangor Target Area Development Corporation which was the managing owner of the Target Technology Incubator Center in Orono. This incubator worked in close proximity to the University of Maine and the Innovation Center businesses.

She has served the State of Maine and the region on numerous local, regional and state committees and organizations including; the 1987 Maine Economic Development Strategy Task Force, Maine Commission on Job Opportunity Zones, Katahdin Regional Development Corporation, President of the Maine Municipal Association in 1999, Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, Northern Maine Development Commission Board of Directors, Maine Town and City Managers Association Board of Directors, Eastern Maine Development Corporation Finance Advisory Committee and is currently serving as a member of the Re-Engineering the Region Committee for the Katahdin region to Bucksport region. Currently she is serving as a member of the Maine Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) with a focus on former paper mill communities.

Peggy lives with her husband, Maurice, in East Millinocket and has one daughter, Keli Marston, a son-in-law, Aaron Marston and two granddaughters Taylor and Kacie, who live in Presque Isle.

Term: Jan. 13, 2017-2020

Bert Kendall (207) 829-8184 bmtkkendall@gmail.com

Senior Advisor • 26 Glenview Road • Cumberland, ME 04021

Bert Kendall is a New Jersey native who worked in various New Jersey municipalities for 34 years before retiring to Maine in 2005. He then became Denmark, Maine's first manager and served there from 2006-2008. Since then he has served ICMA/MTCMA as a Senior Advisor while performing many part time and volunteer duties ranging from high school tennis coach to veterans post commander to church work. Bert received a Bachelor's Degree from Bowdoin College majoring in government and an MPA from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University after serving a one year internship with USAID in Dacca, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). He then served as an army officer in Vietnam before starting his local government career and serving the New Jersey municipalities of Plainfield, Cedar Grove, Montclair, Ridgewood, Belleville, Fair Lawn and Glen Rock. His is married to Marilyn Hansen Kendall and has four children.

Stu Marckoon (207) 667-2242 town@lamoine-me.gov

Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen, Town of Lamoine • 606 Douglas Highway • Lamoine, ME 04605

Stu began his municipal government career in January 1993 in Lamoine and continues to hold the administrative assistant position in that same community today. Prior to working for town government, he was an award winning radio new director in Ellsworth, and still works part time as a newscaster and morning show co-host for WNSX (Star 97.7) radio. He grew up in Winthrop and Rockland, has an accounting degree from Husson College, and is a certified municipal manager through MTCMA and holds lifetime certification as a treasurer from MMTCTA. He is an instructor with MMTCTA, teaching tax liens and the class for new collectors and treasurers. Married with two adult children whom he happily describes as "off the payroll", Stu also officiates basketball, baseball and volleyball, and plays low brass in the Ellsworth Community Band and the Fletcher's Landing Philharmonic Orchestra. His wife Bonnie is a bank branch manager and mortgage lender, as well as a volleyball coach.

Term: August 7, 2018-2021

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Andrew Hart (207) 542-4528 ahart@knoxcountymaine.gov

County Administrator, Knox County • 62 Union Road • Rockland, ME 04841

Andrew Hart holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Southern Maine. He began his municipal career in 1989 as a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector for the City of Hallowell and Town of Chelsea. He then became the Town Manager for the Town of Chelsea in 1992 and went on to become the Town Manager for the Town of Union in 1994. He served in that capacity until 2008, when he became the County Administrator of Knox County and continues to serve in that position today. He is a certified municipal manager through MTCMA. He has served on many boards affiliated with the Maine Municipal Association, including serving on the MMA Executive Board on two occasions. He is also the President of the Mid-Coast Municipal Association. Andrew resides with his wife Sherri in Rockport and has three grown children.

Term: March 21, 2019-2022

David Cole (207) 572-9579 docole59@gmail.com

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Dave was brought up on Mount Desert Island, in the Town of Tremont, where his dad was a Lobster fisherman. He is married to Kathy and has two adult children. He has a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Southern Maine and MPA from the University of Maine in Orono and started his municipal career in 1977 as an Administrative Assistant in Baileyville. He spent approximately 39 years as a Maine municipal manager in the communities of China, Lincoln, Old Town and the last 24 years in Gorham. He is a past President of MTCMA and a recipient of the Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year Award. Dave served on the MMA Executive Committee, Property & Casualty Insurance Pool Board of Directors, MMA Legislative Policy Committee and on an Intergovernmental Task Force reviewing the relationship between State, County and Local Governments. He also served many years on the Board of Directors of Eco-Maine. He retired in 2017 and lives in Gorham.

Term: March 21, 2019-2022

Jack J. Clukey (207) 717-6565 jclukey@dover-foxcroft.org

Town Manager, Town of Dover-Foxcroft • 48 Morton Avenue, Suite A • Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426

Jack Clukey has served as Town Manager for Dover-Foxcroft since 2004 and served as Town Manager for Baileyville, Maine from 1994 - 2004. Jack graduated from the University of Maine in 1992 and from the University of Maine Public Administration Graduate Program in 1994. Jack is on the MTCMA Executive Committee and Chair of the Ethics Committee. He's also a member of the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee. Locally, Jack serves on the Executive Committee and is Past President of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council as well as Past President of Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Charities. Jack has a daughter, Jenna Clukey who currently attends Bowdoin College. In his spare time Jack enjoys hiking, photography and music.

Term: July 30, 2020-2023