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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.

Jay Feyler (207) 785-3658 jayfeyler@gmail.com

Retired Town Manager, Town of Union • 11 N. Union Rd • Union, ME 04862-0186

Jay was born and raised in Mid-Coast Maine and after receiving his degree from the University of Maine, he began his municipal career in 1989. He served on the Budget Committee, School Board, William Pullen Committee, Appeals Board and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Jay has recently retired and was the Town Manager in Union since 2009 and is a certified municipal manager for Maine.

Jay is Past President of Maine Town City County Managers Association, Past President of the Maine Welfare Directors Association, a long-time member of the Legislative Policy Committee, and currently President of the Mid-Coast Managers Association. He has served on numerous Maine Municipal Association Committees and has taught FOIA classes and General Assistance classes throughout Maine.

Jay resides in Union with his wife Cindy, granddaughter Brianna and Iris the Snoodle, the real boss of the family.

Term: March, 2024-2027

Jack J. Clukey (207) 487-3136 jclukey@pittsfieldmaine.gov

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

Jack Clukey served as Town Manager for Dover-Foxcroft since 2004 and served as Town Manager for Baileyville, Maine from 1994 - 2004. and is currently the Town Manager in Pittsfield. 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.

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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.

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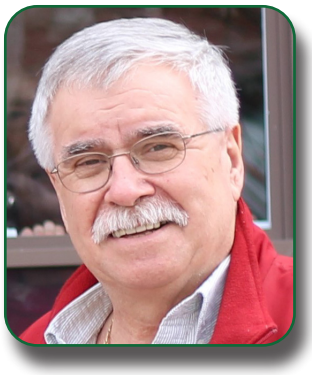

Perry Ellsworth (207) 491-3330 Chipmaker1972perry@gmail.com

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 was an active member of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. Perry also serves on the MTCMA Executive Board.

Perry resides in Strong in Franklin County with his wife, Sue.

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

Ambassador • 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. Bert served as interim Town Manager in Waldoboro in 2017 and interim Town Manager in Denmark from 2017-2020.

He is married to Marilyn Hansen Kendall and has four children.

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Andrew Hart (207) 848-3361 townmanger@townofcarmel.org

Town Manager, Town of Carmel • PO Box 114 • Carmel, ME 04419

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. He served in that capacity until January 31, 2024. He was then hired as the interim Town Manager of the Town of Carmel until April 30, 2024, and was appointed Town Manager of the Town of Carmel effective May 1, 2024, and is still serving in that postion 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 Camden and has three grown children.

Term: July, 2025-2028

Durlin E. Lunt (207) 246-6458 manager@mtdesert.org

Retired Town Manager, Town of Mount Desert • 21 Sea St., PO Box 248 • Northeast Harbor, ME 04662-0248

Durlin has been the Manager of the Town of Mount Desert, his hometown, since 2010. He served as a member of the Mount Desert Selectboard from 1975-1992, chairing the Board from 1984-1992. Durlin received a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Maine where he received the 1997-98 Barrie Blunt outstanding graduate student award and was nominated by the Public Administration Faculty for the Presidential Management Intern Program. For the last ten years, Durlin has served as Chair of the Acadia Area League of Towns. As part of this collaboration, he partnered with the manager from the town of Bar Harbor to create a shared police chief position, a shared Deputy Fire Chief, and Human Resources Administrator. Durlin is currently serving his second term as a member of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Commission. Prior to becoming the Manager of Mount Desert, Durlin worked for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension as a Field Service Coordinator for a jobs program to help older workers re-enter the workforce. During his time at U-Maine, he served on a taskforce to improve diversity and inclusion that received an award from the United States Department of Agriculture. Durlin, and his wife Jean reside in Northeast Harbor, in the house he grew up in, a two -minute walking commute from the Mount Desert Town Office.

Term: November 18, 2022-2025

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

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

Stu began his municipal government career in January 1993 in Lamoine and remains the administrative assistant to the Selectboard today. He had been a member of the town's volunteer fire department beginning in 1986 and continues to serve as the Deputy Fire Chief. Prior to working in municipal government, Stu was an award-winning radio news director in Ellsworth, and recently retired as the morning news anchor at Star 97.7 radio; working part-time at that job while running the community.

He grew up in Winthrop and Rockland, has an accounting degree from Husson College, and is a certified municipal manager with MTCMA and a lifetime certified treasurer with MMTCTA. He teaches the tax lien class and the new tax collectors' and treasurers' class for MMTCTA. Stu is a certified high school basketball, baseball, and volleyball official, and plays low brass in the Ellsworth Concert Band.

His wife, Bonnie is a retired banker, and they have two adult children who live in Southern Maine.

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Melissa Doane (207) 827-7725 mldoane@townofbradley.net

Town Manager, Town of Bradley • PO Box 517 • Bradley, ME 04411-0517

Melissa began her municipal career in the Town of Bradley in 1998, working part-time in an administrative capacity. In 2005 the Town Council asked her to come back to "help out" in transition of management, and she has been there ever since. She takes much pride in being from the small Maine town of Atkinson. This rural upbringing has provided her with values that greatly assist in managing a smaller community in Maine. Her role as Town Manager in Bradley is only one of the many roles she is required to fill. Melissa is also the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, General Assistance Administrator, and Deputy Clerk. She is often seen working the front counter, working Elections, or sweeping a sidewalk.

Melissa serves on the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee and is slated to be President in 2025. She also is a member of the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee, acting as the chair in 2024. Melissa is a certified manager through MTCMA, served on the Executive Committee from 2015-2023, and was the Rookie of the Year in 2009. Locally Melissa is on the board of the Municipal Review Committee.

Melissa resides in Milford and has one grown son, Ricky.

Term: November 2023-2026

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

mndaigle@myfairpoint.net • 43 Spring Street • East Millinocket, ME 04430

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.

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Christine M. Landes (207) 691-3132 christine.marie.landes@gmail.com or chelseamanager@chelseamaine.org

22 W. Hill Ter. • Gardiner, ME 04345

Working her way through municipal government for almost three decades, from a Town Clerk to a Town/City Manager, Christine holds the titles of ICMA Credentialed Manager and Certified Maine Manager. She achieved her Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and is proud to boast that her undergraduate degree is in Public Administration from the University of Maine Augusta.

Born and raised in Maine, Christine is quick to step up and serve Maine communities in any way possible. She is past president of Maine Municipal, past president of Maine Town City County Managers Association, past chair of the Maine Service Centers Association, served as VP of Maine Welfare Directors, and currently serves on the Maine Women's Conference Board, KVCOG Board of Directors and is one of the women diligently working on initiating a Maine Women in Government group.

Now serving as manager (amongst many other titles) for the Town of Chelsea, Christine lives in Gardiner with her husband Travis and their six dogs. Collectively they have three grown children and three grandchildren (which are the whole meaning to life). She is looking forward to transitioning to semi-retirement in 2029, when she will work to share her passion for municipal government by teaching and securing a position working as a recruiter to fill critical positions in all forms of government.

Term: August, 2024–2027

Scott Morelli (207) 767-7606 Smorelli@southportland.gov.

25 Cottage Road • South Portland, ME 04116

Scott Morelli has 20 years of municipal government experience, including over 15 as a manager, serving communities ranging in size from 5,800 to 69,000 during his career. Since 2017 he has served as City Manager for South Portland, ME, and prior to that he spent seven years as City Manager in Gardiner, ME. Scott has also held municipal roles in Framingham, MA and Waterboro, ME. He currently co-teaches a graduate course titled "Managing Towns, Cities, and Counties" at the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine. Scott is the 2024-25 President of the Maine Town, City and County Management Association and since 2012 has held Certified Municipal Manager status through that organization. In addition, he has held Credentialed Manager status from the International City/County Management Association since 2017. Scott received his Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and his undergraduate degree in Public Management from the University of Maine.

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Kathryn Ruth (207) 513-3000 Ext-3237 kruth@lewistonmaine.gov
Community Development Manager 27 Pine Street Lewiston, Maine 04240

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 municipal 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 over 22 years in Pittsfield. In 2023, Kathryn was honored to receive the MTCMA Distinguished Service Award. As part of the Town's transitional plan, a Grant Administrator position was created and she was closing out multi-year grants as well as applying for new grants to position the Town for future projects. Having literally grown up in town government, Kathryn is interested in looking for future municipal adventures. While in Pittsfield, Kathryn served on many boards including the Pittsfield Economic Expansion Corporation, Central Maine Egg Festival; KRDA First Park; Ken-Som Transition Team; KVCOG; MTCMA; Pittsfield Area Kiwanis; Pittsfield ARTS Club; Pittsfield Historical Society; Sebasticook Healthy Communities; local Chambers; and Somerset Economic Development Corporation.

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