



# MAD RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS | FY18/19

- **June Anderson**

A resident of Waitsfield, VT and originally from CT. June and her husband Wendell have been 2nd homeowners in the Mad River Valley since 1999. They moved with their family to the area full time in 2010. June owns and operates Resort Guides, which publishes the Mad River Valley 4-Season Guide plus other tourist guides and mobile apps in Stowe, the Adirondacks and in Middlebury. Together with Wendell she also owns and operates the Bundy Modern Gallery in Waitsfield.

- **Kevin Begin**

Kevin, Patti and their two children moved to the Mad River Valley in 2015 when they bought the Tucker Hill Inn, which they manage as a family business today. Prior to Tucker Hill Inn Kevin was the Divisional General Manager for Dean Foods' Northeast region. Kevin earned a culinary arts degree from Cobleskill College before earning a BS in Business administration from Cornerstone University and an MBA at Davenport University. He has had the privilege of serving on various industry and non-profit boards throughout his career including the past chair of Feeding America West Michigan.

- **Mimi Buttenheim**

Mimi was named President of Warren-based Mad River Distillers in 2015, a craft distillery dedicated to producing the highest quality whiskeys, rums and apple brandy distributed throughout the Northeast and California. Prior to joining Mad River Distillers, she served as general manager of Vermont Spirits Distilling Co in Woodstock, Vermont and El Molino Winery in St. Helena, California. Mimi has worked in various aspects of the hospitality industry since graduating from Brown University in 2000; she also completed a degree in Baking and Pastry from the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in Napa Valley. In her spare time, Mimi competes in three day eventing with her horse Lestaire and enjoys gardening at home.

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- **Ana Dan**

Ana and her husband Paul Weber purchased the Hyde Away Inn in Waitsfield in 2015, which Ana fully operates. Prior, Ana spent twenty years in corporate marketing functions in automotive, financial and healthcare companies. Before making their home in Vermont, they lived in the midwest, including Michigan and Ohio.

- **Ted Fisher**

Ted is Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Sugarbush. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont where he earned a BA in History and Economics. Fisher's prior experience includes serving as Marketing & Sales Director for Kilawatt Technologies, Marketing and Public Relations Director for Burlington City Arts, Sales Manager for Gardener's Supply, and Vice President/Regional Sales Manager for Vermont Federal Bank.

- **Lori Klein**

Lori has been a full time resident of the Mad River Valley since 1980. She is a graduate of Smith College and the Bloomingdale's Executive Training Program. She is a founding partner of Artisans' Gallery in Waitsfield, the Buyer at the Warren Store and a jewelry designer. Lori has served on many boards including the Warren School Board, Valley Arts, GMCC and the Mad River Riding and Driving Club.

- **Brad Long**

Brad is a long time resident of the Mad River Valley having worked for Mad River Canoe, Controlled Energy Corporation and Freeaire Refrigeration. He spent four years working at Dealer.com, and now works for Efficiency Vermont.

- **Peter MacLaren, *Chair***

Peter grew up in Scotland and then worked in the Telecoms industry for 35 years. Early in his engineering career he moved to Canada when he met and married his wife Susan. He has worked in England, around Canada, Texas and France. Latterly he ran the North American division of a global supplier of Public Safety wireless systems. Peter and Susan became co-owners of West Hill House B&B in Warren in 2006.

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- **Roger Nishi, *Treasurer***

Roger is heavily involved with the regulatory and legislative activities of the Waitsfield & Champlain Valley Telecom, as well as in accounting. Prior to coming to Vermont, Roger was a senior manager with the telecommunications consulting group at the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. Roger holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Central Washington University.

- **Jack Sharry, *Secretary***

A resident of Warren, VT and Westwood, MA, Jack has been an active participant on the Mad River Valley Community Vitality Project. Jack has been a sales and marketing executive at a number of leading financial services firms, and is a principal at LifeYield LLC, a software company that enables investors to reach their retirement goals.

- **Jim Tabor**

Best-selling author James M. Tabor ([jamesmtabor.com](http://jamesmtabor.com)) has lived in the Valley for 25 years and is a former Contributing Editor to both *Outside* and *SKI* Magazines. Before becoming a full-time writer, he served as Director of Communications for Colorado's Breckenridge Resort, Director of Sales, Marketing, and Public Relations for Stratton Mountain Resort, and Senior Vice President of Paul Kaza Associates Advertising and P.R. Agency in Burlington.