



BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS | FY2020/2021

• **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 - Treasurer**

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.

• **Ana Dan, Chair**

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.

- **Suze Edwards**

Suze is a dog loving, outdoor junkie, artist, with a skiing addiction. She lives in Warren, VT with her husband and 3 dogs and 1 cat. She spends her free time as an adventure guide, bee keeper, and a dog rescuer when she is not skiing or busy with the seafood market she owns and operates in Waitsfield.

- **Diane Forester**

Diane has been a full-time resident in the Mad River Valley since 2007. She relocated with her family from Massachusetts. She is currently the Director of Sales at Sugarbush Resort overseeing group, conference, wedding and social event sales in addition to leisure/vacation sales and multiple pass products. Prior to joining Sugarbush she spent five years in the lodging industry in Stowe, VT. Diane has over 20 years' experience in the hospitality and travel industries within the greater Boston area including The Charles Hotel, Sheraton World Headquarters and American Express.

- **TJ Greenwood**

A graduate of the Johnson State College Resort Management Program he is currently the Operations Director of Lawson's Finest Liquids. He came back to the MRV after taking a 10-year hiatus to work in the in the Atlantic City resort industry.

- **Sean Kramer**

A native of Pittsburgh PA with a biology degree from Denison University. A former collegiate soccer coach, Sean fell into the hospitality industry. After 20 years in the hospitality business (as an innkeeper, chef, winemaker and vineyard manager) with stops in Jamaica, Lake Tahoe, Park City, Florida, Philadelphia and Michigan he and his wife, Farrell purchased the 1824 House Inn and Barn in Waitsfield VT, where they provide a casual luxury experience in the Mad River Valley.

- **Matt Lillard**

Combining his Economics Degree from Cornell with a passion for community-oriented skiing he has forged a career in the ski industry that led from Okemo, to Magic Mountain, to Eaglecrest Alaska and finally to become the General Manager at Mad River Glen.

- **Peter MacLaren, *Ex-Officio***

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.

- **Roger Nishi, *Secretary***

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**

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.

- **Mary Tuthill**

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, she cooked professionally for 10 years in various restaurants and hotels. From there she transitioned to a corporate catering and then ran specialty programs for Whole Foods store in Connecticut and Florida . Through Whole Foods Market Mary became an American Cheese Society Certified Cheese Professional in 2014. Looking to grow her passion in the cheese industry she moved to the MRV in 2017 to open and manage the Mad River Taste Place.