

Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers:

Meet the Stewardship Council Members

MEMBERS REPRESENTING TOWNS

Antonia Bryson

Richmond Town Representative

Council Chair, Advisory Committee Chair

Antonia Bryson practiced law for 30 years, specializing in environmental and land use law. She served as a Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, chair of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, and Chief of the Environmental Division of the City's Law Department. She later founded the nonprofit Urban Environmental Law Center, representing community groups and nonprofits in environmental cases. Now residing on 160 acres of forest land in Richmond, RI, she is a member of the RI Food Policy Council, served on the boards of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association and the Southern RI Conservation District. She holds degrees from Brown University and NYU Law School. Most recently, she received a master's degree in teaching English as a Second Language from Hunter College and has enjoyed working with non-native English speakers in New York City and Rhode Island.

Elaine Caldarone

North Stonington (Alternate) Town Representative

Council Vice Chair, Projects Committee Chair, Information and Education Committee Member

Elaine Caldarone was the Hopkinton Representative for the Stewardship Council when it first formed. After moving across the river, she became the North Stonington Town Representative (alternate). She has a background in biology and 35 years of experience in scientific research, primarily with the National Marine Fisheries Service. Inspired by her mother's passion for environmental advocacy, Elaine is dedicated to her volunteerism on the Council, serving as Vice Chair of the Council and Chair of the Projects Committee. Her main interest is protecting riparian buffers and promoting awareness of local waterways. She enjoys kayaking, gardening, and observing wildlife from her house which overlooks a 17th century mill pond supplied by Wyassup and Pendleton Hill brooks.

Denise Poyer

Richmond (Alternate) Town Representative

Council Secretary

Ahren Cohen

North Kingstown Town Representative

Council Treasurer

Bob Maietta

Charlestown Town Representative

Information and Education Committee Co-Chair



Bob Maietta is a retired fisheries biologist originally from Milford, Massachusetts. His career included internships with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission, one year at the Roger Reed Salmon Hatchery with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and thirty-six years with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Technical Services Branch, Division of Watershed Management and Watershed Planning Programs.

Bob and his wonderful wife, Kim Larrabee, moved from North Stonington, Connecticut, to Charlestown, Rhode Island, in 2019. His passions include birding, hiking, kayaking, fishing (freshwater, saltwater, and fly), hunting, foraging, golfing, reading, gardening, and listening to rock and blues—from YES to the Grateful Dead. He has a special interest in protecting wild brook trout within the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Watershed.

Justin Andrade

Charlestown (Alternate) Town Representative

Nan Quinlan

Exeter Town Representative

Projects Committee Member



Since retiring from a thirty-year career in Human Resources and Organizational Development and Training, Nan has devoted her time to helping people transition into a new position or pursue a new career interest. She helps people improve their health and well-being by teaching wellness and gardening classes. With a passion for the outdoors, Nan combines her love of gardening and fitness. She led a food production project for the URI Master Gardener Program and is a certified Outdoor Leader Guide leading meditative walks in nature.

Sharon MacLean

Exeter (Alternate) Town Representative

Information and Education Committee Member

Harvey Buford

Hopkinton Town Representative

Projects Committee Member



Harvey chaired the Conservation Commission for 30 years and founded the Hopkinton Land Trust. He is a retired building contractor. With those skills he has designed and installed most of the trails and trail signage throughout the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed funded by many grants he obtained. He has helped document thousands of Native American stone structures. He is interested in budgets and other management duties.

Juliet Lamb

Hopkinton (Alternate) Town Representative



Juliet is a marine scientist with The Nature Conservancy, where she studies seabirds and marine ecosystems. After spending many years researching seabirds other wildlife in the Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of Maine, Florida Everglades, Ecuador, Panama, France, Spain, Scotland, and along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North America, she is now happily settled in Hope Valley and enjoying backyard canoe adventures in the Wood River with her family. She is passionate about science communication, outreach, and protecting and sharing Rhode Island's natural treasures.

Madeline Jeffery

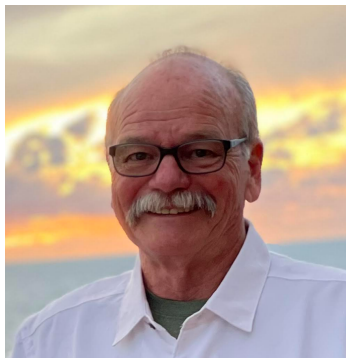
North Stonington Town Representative

Information and Education Committee Co-Chair, Projects Committee Member

Tom Halavik

South Kingstown Town Representative

Projects Committee



Tom Halvik is the South Kingstown Town Representative on the Stewardship Council. He is a lifelong Rhode Islander, and a South Kingstown resident going on 12 years. He's been a biologist for 43 years; 22 with NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service as a Fisheries Researcher and 21 as Senior Coastal Fish and Wildlife Biologist with USFWS. Tom is semi-retired, skippering boats for DEM, URI and USFWS, on various conservation projects. He has hiked, fly fished and canoed nearly the entire Wood-Pawcatuck watershed and in 2011 received the WPWA Salomon Award for

exemplary conservation and preservation in the watershed. Tom enjoys spending time with his family, adventuring, traveling, camping, boating and inspiring others to cherish this unique state and its incredible natural resources and beauty.

Ali Gretchner

South Kingstown (Alternate) Town Representative

Information and Education Committee Member

Vacant

Sterling Town Representative

Fred Wagner

Stonington Town Representative

Advisory Committee Member



Fred Wagner represents Stonington on the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council. He was a member of the original Study Group that gathered evidence to present to the US Congress in support of a bill designating the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Sara Baker

Stonington (Alternate) Town Representative

William Gay

Voluntown Town Representative

Christopher Grube

West Greenwich Town Representative

Information and Education Committee

Vacant

West Greenwich (Alternate) Town Representative

Robert D. Madison

Westerly Town Representative

Information and Education Committee Member



Robert (Bob) D. Madison is the Westerly Town Representative to the Stewardship Council. Bob is a retired literature professor with a specialty in maritime literature and natural history. He is a native of Westerly and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He and his wife Karen live adjacent to the Sunnyacres Preserve in Dunns Corners. Bob has paddled the watershed from Hundred Acre Pond to tidewater. He has also paddled the Buffalo River in Arkansas—the first National River—from Ponca to its confluence with the White River, followed the wake of Thoreau in

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, and shared the lilies with a moose in the Boundary Waters.

MEMBERS REPRESENTING AGENCIES

Harvey Perry

The Nature Conservancy Representative

Advisory Committee Member

Harvey Perry serves as Representative for the Nature Conservancy on the Council. He serves on the Board of the Rhode Island Chapter of TNC. He also serves on the Board of the Nopes Island Conservation Association, and is a resident of Westerly.

Chris Fox

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association Representative

Executive Director for the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association.

Dr. Catie Alves

The Save the Bay Representative

Advisory Committee Member

Dr. Catherine (“Catie”) Alves (she/her) is a marine ecologist, social scientist and environmental advocate. Dr. Alves is currently the South County Coastkeeper with Save The Bay, where she provides a visible on-the-water presence and works in the community to protect, restore, and promote stewardship of Little Narragansett Bay, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed, and the South County Coast of RI. Dr. Alves received her Ph.D. in ecology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her B.A. in biology from Connecticut College. Outside of work, Dr. Alves enjoys paddle-boarding, kayaking, crafting, gardening, and hiking with family and friends.

Jenn Fusco

Westerly Land Trust Representative

Executive Director for the Westerly Land Trust.

Marc Doherty

Westerly Land Trust Representative

Land Stewardship Manager for the Westerly Land Trust.

Corey Pelletier

RI Department of Environmental Management Representative

Fisheries Biologist for the RI Department of Environmental Management.

Lauren Bonatakis

National Park Service Representative

Resource Specialist for the National Park Service.

VACANT

CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection