New Hampshire Telephone Museum
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Paul E. Violette, President
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Paul is a retired telecommunications executive who began his 40–year career as a Lineman, working his way through all of the technical craft jobs, to becoming a supervisor and finally a manager and executive. He is a U.S. Navy Veteran, trained and serving as a Communications Technician on surface ships. After his military service he joined the technical staff at the local independent, Hopkinton Telephone Company, which later became Merrimack County Telephone Company. He retired as President & CEO when MCT sold to Telephone & Data Systems (TDS) in May 2002.

Paul was instrumental in establishing the NH Telephone Museum (NHTM) as a Non-Profit Educational Corporation in 2001 and was elected President & Treasurer. He was the person in charge of all aspects of the museum, from building design and construction; to layout, displays, fixtures, functions, staffing, operations and programs.

A Warner NH native, Paul is a Certified NH Firefighter and served 35 years with the Warner Fire Department, 12 of those years as Chief. He served over 30 years as a Forest Fire Warden & Deputy Warden and as a Special Deputy Warden for the State of NH. He was a Selectman and served on the Budget Committee and Planning Board. He is a member of numerous Clubs & Organizations in Warner and is a former Director at Oxford Networks in Lewiston, Maine; a Board Member of Sunapee Mutual Fire Insurance Co.; and a member of the Investment Committee of Concord General Mutual Insurance Co.

Paul and his wife, Lisa, live in Warner.

Douglas S. Hatfield, Secretary
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An attorney with Upton & Hatfield, Doug provides clients with estate and investment advice, assisting individuals in financial planning for all aspects of their personal, family and business needs. His practice includes general business and real estate transactions.

Doug is active in numerous non-profit organizations including the United Church of Christ, Children’s Alliance of New Hampshire (former Board Member), Havenwood-Heritage Heights Retirement Community, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Monadnock Region (former Board Member), Hillsborough Pride, Board Member of the Smith Memorial Church in Hillsborough, NH, Town of Hillsborough Economic Development Committee, Board Member of the Hillcat Summer Theatre. He is also the former secretary and board member of MCT Telecom.

Doug and his wife, Judy, live in Hillsborough.

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Christine Perkins, Treasurer
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Chris was an Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department at Merrimack County Telephone for 13 years. Prior to that she worked for 18 years at Sanders Associates in the Field Engineer department. As a Provisional Analyst she worked with the US Army on documents needed for the equipment they purchased from Sanders Associates and held a secret clearance in those positions.

She has been Treasurer of the Warner Village Water District (an elected position) for 10 plus years. She has also served as a Supervisor of the Checklist for 15 years and is currently the Chairperson of that group.

She has served on Warner’s Town Budget Committee, as well as in a variety of capacities with the United Church of Warner, including trustee, finance committee, church council and as a delegate to the Nancy Sibley Wilkens Trust Fund.

Chris and her husband, Lynn, have lived in Warner for 30 years, 20 of which they owned and operated Perkins Hardware.

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Walt has been a student of Telephony for over 40 years. He has been collecting, restoring, buying, and selling early American Telephones since the early 1970s and has been appraising phones and collections of individuals and Museums for the last 20 years.

He is a recognized authority on vintage American Telephones and related artifacts from the 1970s all the way back to 1876, when phones were first invented.

He is very active in Telephone Collector circles, operating on eBay under the Houndstooth handle. He is the Founder, past President and Board Member of the Telephone Collectors International where he is still a member. He is also very active in the Antique Telephone Collectors Association, where he is Member No. 303, dating to 1976. He is also a past member of the European Telephone Historical Group (THG) and the Canadian Telephony Society.
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Adam is a Partner of Davidson & Stone, PLLC, Franchise Owner of Davidson & Sons, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and Vice President of Davidson & Sons, Inc.

In his capacity as a CPA and Financial Advisor, he has served the Greater Capital region and New England for the past ten years. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Economic Finance from the University of Hartford where he was also named a Theodore D. Veru scholar and named to the President’s list on several occasions. He officially earned his CPA credentials in the fall of 2011 and received his Series 7 & 66 licenses in the winter of 2011. He later earned his Insurance licenses in 2012.

Adam lives in Concord, NH with his wife, Dana, and their 3 children, Ellis, Cole, and Brooke.

Bruce Ellsworth  
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Bruce received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of New Hampshire, is a registered professional engineer in the State of New Hampshire and holds the rank of Colonel (retired) in the U.S. Army Reserve. He served as Commissioner of the NH Public Utilities Commission from 1986 to 1998 and has worked for the past 20 years as a Consultant on Energy and Regulatory Issues.

He has served on a number of Boards and Chairs through his career. Currently he serves as Chair of the North American Energy Standards Board Advisory Council and the Hopkinton NH Planning Board. He is also a member of the North American Energy Standards Board and the Executive Committee of the New York State Reliability Council.

Bruce lives in Hopkinton with his wife, Gail.

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David Hatfield
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David began his telecommunications career with Merrimack County Telephone in 1980 by working on the line crew and performing vehicle maintenance while home from college. After graduating from Hiram College with a bachelor’s degree in computer science he began working full time for MCT and was responsible for creating the Information Systems Department and bringing all computer operations, including billing and customer service, in-house. David worked closely with Paul Violette to develop the billing and customer service infrastructure required to bring cable television to Warner, Bradford, Sutton, and Newbury. In the mid 1990’s he led the team that formed one of New Hampshire’s first internet service providers which provided many of MCT’s customers their first access to the internet.

After moving to Minneapolis in 1997, David spent 20 years as a consultant and software developer designing and implementing systems for a variety of clients in the telecommunications, medical devices, and aerospace industries. While in Minnesota, he became a commercial, instrument, multi-engine rated pilot and earned his Airframe and Powerplant certificates. He was a founder and Secretary of the Minnesota Pilot’s Association until he and his wife, Linda, moved back to New Hampshire in 2017.

David and Linda live on a residential airpark in West Ossipee NH where he is restoring a 1942 Stearman open cockpit biplane and is the current president of the Windsock Village Aviation Corporation.

Peter Leberman
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Peter has been an attorney with Upton & Hatfield, LLP since 2015, serving business, non-profit, real estate, and estate planning clients from the firm’s Hillsborough and Concord offices. Prior to joining Upton & Hatfield, Peter served as Vice President & General Counsel at Northeast Delta Dental headquartered in Concord, and formerly was a Director and Shareholder at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green in Concord and Manchester.

Peter has been a New Hampshire resident since 1976, and he graduated from the University of New Hampshire Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Business Administration and from Washington & Lee University School of Law. He also received an LLM in Taxation from Boston University School of Law.

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During his 35+ year career, Peter has served more than twenty charitable, community, business, and government organizations. He currently serves on the MainStreet Warner, Inc. Board and the Monadnock Regional Advisory Board of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Peter lives in Contoocook from where he ventures to the mountains, lakes, and ocean for hiking, skiing, paddle boarding, biking, and other outdoor activities.

**Edward Raymond**
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Ed worked in the telephone industry for 38 years, starting as a lineman in 1971 with Merrimack County Telephone Co. in Warner. After Merrimack merged with Hopkinton Telephone Company he moved to the Contoocook office where he became the Foreman and then the Supervisor of the Installation & Repair Dept. Ed stayed on through the sale of TDS Telecom and retired in 2009.

Ed has served on the Warner Fire Dept. for 46 years working his way up to Lieutenant, then Captain and eventually to Chief, a position he has held for five years. He has also been Forest Fire Warden for 30 years. Ed has lived in Warner since 1970. He and his wife, Karen, have lived on Schoodac Rd. in Warner since 1982.

**Marc A. Violette**
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Marc has 30+ years in Telecom and held a variety of positions including; installation/repair, marketing, sales, business development and several management positions. Marc served as executive VP for the Telephone Association of New England.

Marc has served on the Board of Directors for several Chambers of Commerce in NH, The NH Telecom Advisory Board, and as a Commissioner for the NH Enhanced 911 Commission.

Marc is currently an active Real Estate Associate and is a partner in Violette Rentals and Property Management. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Lake Sunapee Board of Realtors.

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Richard M. Cutting, Director Emeritus

Dick is a Warner native who worked for 33 years in telecommunications. He started his career as a lineman at the local independent, Hopkinton Telephone Company which later became Merrimack County Telephone Company. He retired as the Outside Plant Manager of TDS Telecom in 2003.