



The sole mission of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee is to represent BRRFOC's fourteen communities in administering their municipal solid waste disposal process in the safest and most cost effective manner possible. In carrying out our mission and philosophy, we strive to improve the environment and minimize costs to our member communities.



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Board Members 2011



Denise McNair
Town Manager, Town of Berlin



Denise McNair was named town manager of Berlin in November 2008 after four months as interim town manager and 15 years as the town's tax collector. A graduate of the University of Connecticut and the New England School of Law, McNair, who serves as BRRFOC treasurer, spent ten years in private practice before resuming her career in Berlin, a career that she began as a lifeguard and continued as the assistant director of recreation between the time she completed her undergraduate studies and started law school. A longtime Berlin resident, McNair and her husband, Jim, are the parents of two children: Lauren, a student at Western New England College School of Law, and John, a sophomore at Central Connecticut State University.

Anthony J. DaRos
First Selectman, Town of Branford



Anthony "Unk" DaRos served as Branford's first selectman for three terms (1997-2003) before regaining that office in the November 2007 municipal election. A community leader and lifelong resident of Branford, Unk's family has lived in the Stony Creek section of town since the 1890s. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years in the early 1960s, after which he started The DaRos Company, a firm that specializes in the construction of sea walls and docks and the installation of submarine utilities. DaRos, who is currently secretary of the BRRFOC, served as the Committee's president in 2003. He and his wife of 44 years, Kathleen White, have two children, Andrew and Maureen, and three grandchildren.

Arthur J. Ward
Mayor, City of Bristol



Art Ward, a Bristol native, has devoted much of his life serving his hometown and country. Upon graduation from Bristol Eastern High School, Ward served in the Marine Corps, earning a Purple Heart for distinguished service in Vietnam. He has served as past commander of the American Legion and is a life member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ward, who currently serves as BRRFOC president, is retired from the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs where he served as a veterans' service officer until his election as mayor in 2007. His service to Bristol includes 14 years on the City Council and seven years on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ward and his wife, Patricia, have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Catherine Bergstrom
First Selectman, Town of Burlington



Catherine Bergstrom was elected Burlington's first selectman in November 2009, just prior to completing her first term on the Region 10 Board of Education. Her service to Burlington also includes ten years on the Lake Garda PTA (including a stint as its president), involvement in the political action committee that spearheaded the Region 10 school renovation project, and membership in the Burlington Junior Soccer Association, where she also coached. A UConn graduate, Bergstrom has worked as a project manager for the Hartford Financial Service Group and The Leverage Group. She also was president of BBC Consulting, a software development/training company she co-owned. Bergstrom and her husband, Bruce, are the proud parents of two children: Emma and Samuel.

Robert J. Chatfield
Mayor, Town of Prospect



A BRRFOC board member since 1987, Prospect Mayor Robert J. Chatfield is the longest sitting chief elected official in Connecticut, having first been elected in November 1977. A volunteer firefighter since 1965, Chatfield, who chaired the BRRFOC in 1998 and 2005, was assistant chief of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years before being named chief in 2000; he is now the department's day commander. He also ran the school bus operation for 14 years and served as Prospect's truant officer. Currently, Chatfield serves as a gubernatorial appointee to the Northeastern Fire and Fire Protection Commission. He and his wife, Ginny, have a daughter, Leslie, and a grandson, Zachary, who represents the sixth generation of Chatfields in Prospect.

Paul Roy
First Selectman, Town of Seymour



Lifelong Seymour resident Paul Roy was elected first selectman in 2009 after serving two terms on the Board of Selectmen and for more than a decade on the Democratic Town Committee, which he chaired from 2004-2006. A New Haven Academy of Business graduate, Roy spent 33-plus years as a postal carrier, during which time he held leadership positions in Branch 109 of the National Association of Letter Carriers and served as treasurer of the Connecticut State Association of Letter Carriers. An antiques and NASCAR enthusiast, Roy has three children: Jeffrey, who restores cars; Laurie, a respiratory therapist; and Michael, a sophomore in college. Roy's wife, Evelyn, is a retired Seymour elementary school teacher.

Garry Brumback
Town Manager, Town of Southington



Garry Brumback was appointed Southington's town manager in January 2011. Brumback began his career in the U. S. Army after graduating from Virginia Military Institute, where he earned a BA in economics. His military career spanned 20 years and included several staff and command positions, culminating as a battalion commander. He retired in 1998 as a lieutenant colonel. Brumback began his career in government as the strategic planning director in Clearwater, Florida. In 2000, he was promoted to assistant city manager. In 2007, he was appointed city manager of Baytown, Texas, where he served until being appointed to his current position. Brumback, who also has an MA in international relations from Boston University, is joined in Southington by his wife, Jennifer.

Jack Travers
First Selectman, Town of Warren



Warren First Selectman Jack Travers, who also serves as Warren's superintendent of highways, is an experienced veteran when it comes to representing his town. From 1989 to 1999, Travers was a selectman, and he also served on the town's Board of Finance for five years. His work experience includes 13 years managing an energy company and five years with a property management firm. Travers, who served as an alternate on the TROC board when he was a selectman, is a big fan of dirt-track auto racing (he has been working on race cars for 40 years). He and his wife, Constance, have lived in Warren for nearly three decades.

Wade E. Cole
First Selectman, Town of Hartland



A lifelong resident of Hartland, First Selectman Wade E. Cole has served Hartland as a full-time employee in various capacities for more than 35 years, including as the Department of Public Works' road foreman and the town's tree warden, positions he currently holds along with being first selectman – his first elected position. Cole's many responsibilities, which span three administrations, have provided him with valuable experience in administration and budgeting, as well as a strong working knowledge of the town's economic infrastructure. When not working for his hometown, Cole owns and drives NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race cars. He and his wife, Beth, are the parents of three grown children and six grandchildren.

Timothy T. Stewart
Mayor, City of New Britain



Mayor Timothy T. Stewart was born and raised in New Britain. He is a 1979 graduate of New Britain High School and the holder of a B.S. in engineering from the University of Hartford. Stewart served as a New Britain firefighter from 1985-99 and then as a fire inspector until his election in November 2003. Long involved in community affairs, Stewart has served as a member of the Common Council, a member of the Board of Education, a member of the City Plan Commission and on the boards of various civic and social organizations. He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of a daughter, Erin, and a son, Kevin.

Robert E. Lee
Town Manager, Town of Plainville



Robert E. Lee joined the BRRFOC board of directors when he was named town manager of Plainville in the summer of 2004, after serving for 14 years as Hebron's first town manager, where he built a strong reputation for prudent fiscal management. A graduate of Rutgers College and the University of Hartford's master's program in public administration, Lee began his career in East Hampton, working in various capacities for 11 years, including a stint as the lead administrator for the town's Water Pollution Control Authority. An avid boater and skier, Lee and his wife, Peg, have a 15-year-old son and two daughters in their mid twenties.

Vincent Festa, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Plymouth



A Plymouth resident for 37 years, Vincent Festa, Jr. was elected mayor in November 2007. His prior service to the town includes serving as chairman of the Board of Education and Water Pollution Control Authority and as an administrative assistant to a former Plymouth mayor. He also is a former chairman of the Connecticut Human Rights and Opportunities Commission. The holder of a B.A., M.S. and sixth year administration degree, Festa spent more than 30 years in the Waterbury school system, both as a teacher and administrator. When he retired in 1996, he was principal of Bucks Hill Elementary School. Festa and his wife, Sandra, have three sons, Jeffrey, Brett and Aaron, and four grandchildren, Zachary, Maisie, Cole and Braydon.

Mark Lyon
First Selectman, Town of Washington



Lifelong Washington resident Mark Lyon was elected first selectman in November 2007 after serving for two years on the Board of Selectmen and for five years on the Board of Finance. Lyon's service to his community also includes 30 years with the Washington Volunteer Fire Department – including seven years as chief – and participation on the Washington Primary School Task Force and the Shepaug Valley High School Parent Council. While serving as Washington's first selectman, Lyon will be on a leave of absence from his position as a maintenance supervisor for Kimberly-Clark in New Milford, where he has worked for 29 years. He and his wife, Lillian, have three children: Sarah, Mark and David, and a grandson, Travis.

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor, Town of Wolcott



Mayor Thomas G. Dunn was born, raised and educated in Wolcott. Prior to being elected mayor in November 2003, Dunn served three consecutive terms on the Town Council, the last as majority leader. His service to Wolcott also includes stints on the Democratic Town Committee, Inlands Wetland Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Pension Committee and Wolcott Safety and Health Committee, which he chaired. A lifetime member of the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Company #2, Dunn, who currently serves as BRRFOC vice president, worked for the Wolcott Public Works Department for 16 years until he was elected mayor. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Brittany, Bridget and Thomas.

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