

Vermont Historical Society Board of Trustees Ballot 2024

Mollie Burke, Brattleboro (2nd term)

Mollie S. Burke of Brattleboro grew up in Buffalo, NY, oldest in a family of eleven children. She was a competitive figure skater in childhood, received an undergraduate degree in Political Science, and did graduate study at the London School of Economics. Since settling in Vermont in 1970, Mollie has had a career in the arts as a painter and teacher. She received an MFA from Goddard College for work connecting painting and climate change. Mollie has served in the Legislature since 2009, with a focus on diversification, electrification, and the affordability of our transportation system. She is founder and director of Art in the Neighborhood, a non-profit that provides tuition-free classes to low-income children. She also conducts school residencies under the auspices of the Vermont Arts Council. Her teaching includes bookmaking and cartography projects related to Vermont history, pre-history, and culture. Mollie is married to writer and theater director Peter Gould. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Peter Gilbert, Montpelier (2nd term)

Peter Gilbert was executive director of the Vermont Humanities Council from March 2002 to August 2018. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he received a JD from Georgetown University Law Center and an MA in English from the University of Virginia. He worked for ten years at Dartmouth College as Senior Assistant to the President, James O. Freedman, and Associate Provost. Before working at Dartmouth, he taught in the English Department and taught a senior elective in the History Department at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts for eleven years and practiced law as a litigator at Hale and Dorr in Boston. He has been the trustee of the Robert Frost Copyright Trust since 1991 and was a frequent commentator on Vermont Public Radio. He has deep family roots in Vermont. He lives in Montpelier with his wife, Cindy Char; they have two grown daughters.

Carl Lisman, Charlotte (3rd term)

Carl was raised in Burlington where he is now a practicing lawyer with the Lisman Leckerling law firm in Burlington. Mr. Lisman received his A.B. from the University of Vermont and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is the immediate past President of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers; and a member of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute. He has served as chair of UVM Board of Trustees and as chair of the Vermont Air Quality and Solid Waste Variance Board.

Richard McCormack, *Bethel* (1st term)

Dick McCormack holds a Bachelors Degree in History from Hofstra University (1970), and a Masters Degree in Environmental Law from the Vermont Law School (2003). He has taught History at the Woodstock Country School and as an adjunct instructor at various Vermont State Colleges. His courses have included Western Civilization, United States History, Vermont History, and History of Rock and Roll. Dick has been elected to the Vermont Senate from Windsor County fifteen times, serving as Chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee and the Education Committee, and as Senate Majority Leader. He often provides an historical context for current policy discussions. He'll retire in January 2025. He has also been a performer and recording artist, radio producer and host, song writer, satirist, and pizza deliverer. He is married to Cindy Metcalf, and they have five adult children and six grandchildren between them.

Melody Walker Mackin, *Barre* (2nd term)

Melody Mackin grew up in Highgate, VT, along the Missisquoi River. She is one of two Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners in the state. Melody is a citizen of the Elnu Abenaki Band and has previously served as the vice chair and chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs. She received her master's degree in history and taught as an adjunct professor for more than fifteen years. Melody was named one of USA Today's Most Influential Women in Vermont during the anniversary of the Suffrage Movement.

Melinda Moulton, *Huntington* (1st term)

Melinda Moulton is the Executive Producer and Co-Founder of Rick Moulton Productions. For forty years, Melinda was the CEO and Redeveloper of Main Street Landing where she spearheaded the creation of 250,000 square feet of built environment on Burlington's Waterfront. She was instrumental in bringing back passenger rail service to The Queen City after a seventy-year hiatus. Her focus throughout her life has been to protect and promote human health & welfare and planet wellbeing & sustainability. She recently published her first children's book "Bobby Blue" and is producing a film "Ethan Allen - The Man & The Myth" for PBS to be released in May of 2026. She has served and chaired many non-profit boards throughout Vermont. She is the Chair of the newly formed Burlington History and Culture Center's Advisory Council. Her TV show "Moments with Melinda" interviews interesting people doing good works and is syndicated across the state. Melinda was the recipient of the Burlington Business Association's Nate Harris Award and the VBSR Terry Ehrich Award. After graduating from Katy Gibbs she secured a position in the Dr. James Watson (DNA) Department of Microbiology at Harvard where she was able to expand her studies in business.