

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOAT MUSEUM



Bob Conrad and Jim Farina

NHBM announces new board members

Wolfeboro, NH—January 30, 2020—In late 2019, New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) in Wolfeboro welcomed Jim Farina and Bob Conrad onto its Board of Trustees.

Farina, who joined the Board in June of 2019, oversees NHBM sailing programs and leads the Governance Committee, while Conrad was appointed in November.

“Jim immediately made an impact this past year by revising our Sailboat Share program and helping to commission our J/24 sailboat,” said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings. “Bob is getting to know other Board members, so we look forward to seeing where his interests and talents can best be applied here.”

Prior to joining the NHBM Board, Farina spent his professional career in the pharmaceutical industry during which time he worked in R&D and business development before retiring in 2019.

Retiring from NXP/Freescale in 2019 where he ran the Automotive Microcontroller and Microprocessor division, Conrad has more than 35 years experience as a semiconductor industry executive.

“We are excited to have the talents and expertise of both Jim and Bob on our Board,” added Cummings, who said 2019 also marked the departure of two Board members whose terms expired.

Tom Bell most recently served as Board Secretary, while Rick Kourian served in a number of capacities, including among others Chairman of both the Board and Capital Campaign.

“We are very grateful for their service,” said Cummings, who said a strong, dynamic Board underscores the museum’s long-term vision.

In early 2019, NHBM paid off the mortgage on 4-acres of waterfront property it purchased last year on Lake Winnepesaukee’s Back Bay in Wolfeboro with plans to break grounds on a new facility.

“Our Board is a big part of the Capital Campaign that is still ongoing,” she added.

When the new facility is built, which will be open year-round and offer substantially more programming, the current museum structure will serve as a boat building and restoration workshop center.

“It is an exciting time for us as we continue to build momentum and enter the last phases of needed fund-raising so we can break ground,” said Cummings. “We are thankful to have Jim and Bob ‘on board’ with us. Their business acumen and love of NH’s waterways will prove invaluable as we move forward.”

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.

To learn more about NHBM, or its Capital Campaign, visit nhbm.org.

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