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John Bahouth has enjoyed a 45-year corporate career working for such companies as Apex Clean Energy, Noble Environmental Power, Hubbell, United Technologies, ABB, Kenetech, and Thomson. John's renewable energy experience began in the early 1990s, and he has helped build over 11000 MWs of utility-scale wind and solar power. He was the originator and project executive for Apex Plaza, an award-winning, carbon reduced, 200,000 s/f, 8-story, mass timber building powered by solar. John has been engaged in environmental causes since the 1970's through his leadership in the Syracuse chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group. During his tenure, he worked on correcting a nefarious redlining practice, passing NY state's first bottle bill and a cleanup of PCBs in the Hudson River. His work in diversity leadership won the USA Department of Labor's highest award for excellence in 2000.



In 2024, John earned an MS in Energy and Environmental Management from the University of Connecticut. He holds a BA from Syracuse University and an MBA from the University of New Haven and is a graduate of the Executive Leadership program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. He has served as a State of Connecticut justice of the peace. He is a Board appointee for the Governor's Workforce Board in Virginia. John is a master golf instructor and has completed 19 marathons to date.

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Benjamin M. Baker is the sole owner and operator of Star Power LLC and a partner in Star Power Energy, LLC. Both companies seek to put solar power in front of communities of people to promote interest in the advantages of renewable energy. The companies install, own, and operate the solar power systems on the roofs or grounds of Connecticut nonprofit and municipal buildings and sell the generated solar electricity directly to the building owners. Churches, schools, community centers, affordable housing complexes, an organic teaching farm, and town buildings are the beneficiaries of these systems and the expectation is that users of these facilities will become interested in (and promoters of) solar power. Ben began the company in 2008 after a 33 year career practicing architecture in Washington, DC and Connecticut. Ben



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Steve Chandler Hall has a long career in various management roles with a unique background in a diversity of projects that range from heavy industrial to high-value commercial and residential. He has a history of exploring and implementing options of bringing sustainable development practices into his work and into the mainstream of design and construction. Based on the Chandler project of an energy retrofit of the Princeton Club of NY, he published a white paper with the former magazine Environmental Design+Construction promoting a national retrofit program that evolved into the Connecticut C-PACE Program. Another project received the Excellence in Historic Preservation Award from The League of Preservation of New York State for *“a global view of environmental stewardship, storm water management, reducing energy use, reinstating the natural climate control features.”* He has been a guest lecturer on building energy efficiency at the New York University Shack Institute of Real Estate Center for the Sustainable Built Environment (SBE). He recently served on the Greenwich CT Energy Task Force that produced an event and report for action in reducing energy consumption across the board in the town. He is currently providing strategic project energy planning to developers in the U.S. and other clients abroad.

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Dawn Henry is the Founder of Henry Strategy Partners, LLC, a boutique strategy and insights consultancy specializing in consumer insight generation, brand strategy and positioning, and consumer research management. She has over 25 years of industry experience, having entered the advertising and marketing business after graduating from Connecticut College. She spent time at the New York City advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi, and worked for more than a decade for Diageo North America, the global beverage alcohol company, where she was the VP of Consumer Insights. Prior to starting her own consulting business in 2013, she was Head of Strategy and Research at AgencySacks, a New York City-based communications firm specializing in marketing luxury goods to the affluent consumer market.

When not focused on her business, Dawn does extensive volunteer work as an environmental activist. Frustrated with the lack of progress on addressing the climate crisis at the national level, Dawn came to Save the Sound to apply her marketing strategy experience to help make a difference in our local region. She is currently a board member. In addition to her Save the Sound leadership, she is on the leadership

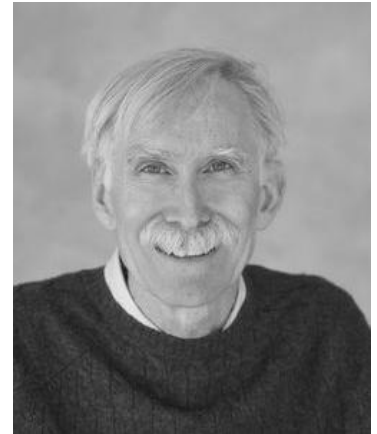
teams of Sustainable Westport and the Electric Vehicle Club of Connecticut, and a trained presenter for Al Gore's Climate Reality Project.

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Bill moved to Branford in 1983, conducting research for twenty-four years in the Yale University School of Medicine. A member of the Branford Land Trust since shortly after moving to Branford, Bill served as a Director for ten years and as President for another five years. He continues to be active in the land trust's property management committee. In addition to his work with the land trust, Bill was a member of the Conservation and Environmental Commission from 1998 to 2010 and co-chaired the commission for five years. In 1997, Bill and several other local environmentalists formed Citizens for Branford's Environment. Bill attended almost every meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Inland Wetland Commission for more than ten years in an effort to protect our natural resources and to prevent unnecessary degradation and building Branford. During some of that time, he circulated a newsletter, "The Concerned Citizen", to local residents on the internet. More recently, he served on the steering committees for a Planning and Zoning Commission (P&ZC) transit oriented development study and the most recent revision of Branford's Plan of Conservation and Development.



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Leslie Lee is a past chairman and current board member of Save the Sound. She is Vice President of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, where she founded The Tree Party, now in its 10th year, and have worked on the creation of the Town-wide accredited arboretum and the Treasured Trees program name plating trees on private property. She served for six years on the Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of America, where she was the Vice Chair for Oceans and then for Energy Policies. Leslie is a past president and Honorary Trustee of The Greenwich Land Trust, where she co-founded Go Wild, now in its 22nd year.



Leslie is also past President and Honorary Director of the Round Hill Association. She served on the boards of the Greenwich United Way, where she co-founded their Sole Sisters program, now in its 18th year. She has also served on the boards of the YWCA, the Stamford Center for the Arts and Meals on Wheels.

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Richard Sellschop is a Partner at McKinsey & Company, based in Stamford, Connecticut. He focuses on technology enabled productivity and sustainability topics for Energy and Materials clients. He is the global leader of the Basic Materials Digital & Analytics service line, helping clients derive impact from digital, analytics, agile, lean and innovation in heavy industry. During his 18 years at McKinsey, Richard has been based in Johannesburg, London, and now the USA. He has served clients around the globe in the mining, metals, energy, chemicals, advanced industries and private equity sectors. He is a published author (McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey Insights, McKinsey on Metals & Mining, Harvard Business Review) and speaker at industry conferences (e.g. PDAC, OMOC, MINExpo), covering digital, analytics, innovation, productivity and transformation topics.



Richard has a Masters in Engineering from the University of Michigan, and a BSc. Mech Eng from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. His passions include hiking and sailing with his family, and painting watercolors of hardwood trees. He has served on the Nature Conservancy Africa Chapter Board.

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Catherine Smith served as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the lead state agency responsible for attracting and retaining businesses and jobs, revitalizing neighborhoods and communities, and fostering appropriate development in Connecticut's towns and cities from 2011 until early 2019. Prior to joining DECD, Commissioner Smith had a distinguished career in the insurance and financial services industry at Aetna and ING Financial Services, serving in several different senior roles in the retirement and asset accumulation businesses. Smith graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and received a Master's in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Management in New Haven, Connecticut. She currently serves on the boards of Outward Bound USA and Hampshire College and is a former board member of Save the Sound.



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Mike Ungaro has been practicing law in Connecticut since 1998, first in private practice and for the last 23 years as in-house counsel at Travelers managing litigation arising from environmental, asbestos and other toxic tort claims. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BA degree in English Literature and earned a post-graduate Teaching Certification. He went on to receive his JD degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he was the Lead Articles Editor of the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal. But for a year studying in London and a year teaching English in Osaka, Mike has lived in Connecticut most of his life. He has resided in Hartford for over 20 years.



Having been a long-time supporter of the causes of environmental conservation, restoration and justice, upon retiring from Travelers in April 2025, Mike plans to devote the rest of his career to advocating for a cleaner and healthier environment and fighting climate change. To that end, he completed an immersion program of the nonprofit sector through UConn's Department of Public Policy, developing a working knowledge of nonprofit related funding strategies, governance, finance, grant writing and program outcome measurements. Mike also completed an Encore Fellowship at Save the Sound as Strategic Plan Support Coordinator, working with Save the Sound team leaders and staff to create work plans for water protection and Soundkeeper projects.

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Stephanie Weiner started in the Energy Efficiency world as an advocate and was initially involved in many grass roots organizations along with writing articles for local papers on the subject. In 2009 she created New England Smart Energy Group LLC, a company that does residential, multi-family and commercial energy efficiency mostly through the utility programs for the state of CT. As it grew, NESEG maintained a close relationship with local grass root groups along with towns and communities in an effort to spread the word about Energy Efficiency and stay committed to the goal of recruiting every resident and business to cut their energy consumption. Stephanie has also been very active in advocating for the highest and best energy efficiency policy for CT. In 2015 she opened another company, CT Weatherproof Insulation, LLC that focuses on insulation and window installations. Stephanie went to Brandeis and then received her MBA from Stern School of Business at NYU in finance and international business and then worked in Manhattan in the finance world while writing/producing plays and singing in cabaret. She is very grateful to be a part of the very important, and



vital CT EE industry and to have been given the opportunity to do work that benefits the residents of CT, especially in these trying times.

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Trained as a lawyer and with over twenty years of practice as a clinical psychologist, Mary Woolsey moved back to New Haven from out of state in 2018. As a Yale undergraduate, Mary was a founding board member of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment and is excited to reengage with the important work of CFE/Save the Sound. At Harvard Law School, she was an editor of the Harvard Environmental Law Review. In 2012, Mary earned a Master of Science degree in environmental policy at U.C. Berkeley and for several years did research and writing on food, agriculture, and public health for the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco. Mary currently works as a freelance developmental editor of scholarly work. Among other volunteer activities, Mary has served as a board member at a land trust in Iowa and has organized neighborhood emergency preparedness in California. She and her husband, a history professor at Yale, are the proud parents of two climate activists.

