

Past Planning Commission Members

The Wayne County Planning Commission was created September 23, 1964. The first meeting was held November 12, 1964, with the Board consisting of the following people:

- James E. McKeehen
- Gerard Adams, Sr.
- Lester F. Burlein
- Carl F. Odell
- Charles F. Fredericks
- Douglas Thorpe
- Alfred H. Haase
- Beulah Tiel
- S. Elmore Haag

Through the history of the Wayne County Planning Commission, the following people have also served:

W. Robert Bennett	Kenneth Bailey	George W. Stanton
Robert Gilchrist	A.G. Petrsek	Maurice Bateridge
Melvin Swendsen	Gerard (Rod) Adams	Richard Nash
Arthur Davis	Arthur Goerlitz	Robert Bird
Willard Varcoe	Jack Edwards	George Hocker
Robert Haag	Robert Lubinski	William Theobald
Vicky Lamberton	Frank Ward	Daniel Liptak
Kuni Holbert	Donald Olsommer	Mark S. Davis
Matthew Meagher		

DEPARTMENT STAFF

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING/GIS

STAFF MEMBERS

CRAIG E. RICKARD – *Director*, Mr. Rickard began his employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning in January of 1991. He is a graduate of Honesdale High School and Bloomsburg University where he earned a B.A. Degree in Geography with a concentration in Environmental Planning. Mr. Rickard is a Board member of the County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania (CPDAP), Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA), the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) as well as a member of the County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). He enjoys working on his family farm and playing basketball, golf and volleyball. He resides in Texas Township with his son Ethan and dog Coal.

CHRISTOPHER J. BARRETT – *Assistant Director*, Mr. Barrett began his employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning on July 31, 2000. After graduating from Lock Haven University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Biology, he was employed by Synergist, Incorporated, which is an environmental consulting firm located in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. In his spare time, Mr. Barrett enjoys golfing, hunting and fishing. He currently resides in Jessup with his wife Kristin, their son Kyle and daughter Kayla.

TERRY A. MAHN – *GIS Technician*, Miss Mahn began her employment with the Wayne County GIS Department in December 2009. Prior to her position with the GIS Department she worked in the Wayne County Tax Assessment Office as a Data Entry/ Mapping Technician since June 2003. During the same time, she worked closely with the GIS Department on multiple programs and projects. With the consolidation of the Planning and GIS departments in December of 2011, Miss Mahn joined the Planning Department. Miss Mahn resides in Jefferson Township.

DEBBIE S. VARCOE – *Planning Technician*, Mrs. Varcoe began her employment with the Wayne County Department of Planning in January 2000. Prior to her position with the Planning Department she worked as a Career Consultant for Wayne County Job Training since January of 1986. Mrs. Varcoe lives in Dyberry Township with her husband Bruce and is currently the Secretary to the Supervisors of Dyberry Township.

KRISTINE R. WASCO – *Planner II*, Kristine started as a full-time County employee in 2015 after completing an internship for the Planning/GIS Department in 2014. She graduated from Wallenpaupack Area High School and Bloomsburg University with a B.A. in Geography: Environmental Planning. Kristine is a resident of Paupack Township where she spends most of her free time outdoors.

DEREK F. WILLIAMS – *Senior Planner/GIS Coordinator*, Derek has been planning and mapping for the department since 2007. In his free time, he creates things through Canaltown. Mr. Williams also advocates for open government and community issues like walkability as Honesdale Borough Mayor and sits on the board of the Clean Energy Co-op. Planner Derek eats French fries often and lives with Twigs/Pebble (rabbits) and Lisa (human).

PLANNING COMMISSION SOLICITOR

R. Anthony Waldron, Esq.

Attorney Waldron graduated from Villanova University in 1974 and from Dickinson School of Law in 1977. He was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania in November 1977. He has maintained a law practice in the Hawley area for over thirty years, with a primary focus in Real Estate and Land Use Law. Mr. Waldron also specializes in representing property owners and land trusts in Conservation Easement transactions.

The Land Use practice includes representation of both municipal and private clients. He presently represents several municipalities and zoning hearing boards as primary or alternate solicitor in Pike and Wayne Counties. Attorney Waldron serves as school board solicitor for the Wallenpaupack Area School District. He also serves as the solicitor for the Wayne County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Mr. Waldron is past president of the Pike County Bar Association and serves as board member and legal counsel for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Hawley Library, Black Bear Music Conservatory, Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Wallenpaupack Historical Society. Attorney Waldron resides in Hawley.