

Stoneham Finance & Advisory Board

Brief Bios

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Ben Caggiano was a Business Manager/Financial Analyst before retiring from Raytheon Company. He has had much experience in Program/Project Management where he did cost control and reporting, including cost proposal preparation and participation in contract negotiations. Ben received a B.S. in Business Administration (Major Accounting) and a M.B.A. in Business Administration from Northeastern University. Ben has served on the Finance and Advisory Board for seventeen years. He is currently involved with the Stoneham Middle School Building Committee, the Capital Committee, and the Audit Committee.

Caroline Colarusso developed a strong focus on operations management during a 27 year career with the US Postal Services. During her time with the USPS, she acted as Postmaster Manager in seven Boston area communities. She has long been dedicated to public service. Her work on behalf of local athletics includes holding a seat on the Stoneham Youth Hockey board of directors and coaching ice hockey teams at the Pee Wee Bantam and Stoneham High School girls varsity levels. She has served as Deputy Elections Warden and has campaigned for leadership positions in the School and Elections Departments. She and her husband of 24 years have raised three children, Anthony, Joey and Ricky, who have all been educated in the Stoneham Public Schools. She graduated magna cum laude from Emmanuel College. Caroline is a Youth, Outreach and Women's Ministry Director at Faith Quest Community Church in Stoneham.

Julie DeSimone has lived in Stoneham for almost fifteen years and joined the Finance and Advisory Board last year. She received her undergraduate degree at Boston University where she also received her Masters degree in Public Health with concentrations in Health Services and Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Professional experience includes contract management and negotiation in the health care industry. She has also been involved in town advocating for students and ran for school committee.

Dava Feltch Kilbride is an attorney who has practiced in the areas of administrative law and municipal law. She received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in 1993, and her B.S. in toxicology from Northeastern University in 1990. She has lived in Stoneham for 17 years with her husband. They have one daughter who attends public school in Stoneham.

George Georgountzos has resided in Stoneham since 2002. He grew up in Newton and graduated from Newton South High. He then went to Tufts University, where he received a B.A. in International Affairs and Russian / Soviet Studies. After Tufts, he earned a Masters in International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. After working in Washington, D.C., George returned to Massachusetts to pursue a legal career. After he obtained his J.D. from Suffolk University School of Law, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Justices of the Superior Court. He has practiced law since 2001. His practice focuses on real estate law and conveyancing, as well as general litigation. He maintains his office in Stoneham. He has served on the Finance and Advisory Board since 2010, and most recently served as its chairman in the 2013-2014 term. He also coaches children's soccer and T-ball teams.

George is married to Effie (Duros) Georgountzos and is the proud father of three children, Basil (9 years old), Chrysa (6 years old) and Gregory (4 years old).

George McCormack joined the Finance and Advisory Board in February of 2012. He is currently an Assistant Vice President at the investment management arm of State Street Bank and Trust where he has worked for ten years. George has held many positions at the firm and currently is involved with corporate governance. Prior to this he was in various accounting based roles and the liaison for external operational audits. In addition, George worked part time while employed at State Street Bank for a recycling startup company who works to recycle polystyrene in large school districts, prisons, and hospitals.

George received his MBA with a concentration in Finance at Northeastern University's D'Amore-McKim School of Business in 2009 and earned his BA

in Finance at Merrimack College in 2004. George also is a member of the Boston Securities Analyst Society and holds other financial certifications.

Rachel Meredith-Warren is a real estate developer and urban planner who is currently dedicated to raising a young family. Most recently she managed a \$24 million portfolio of new construction and rehabilitation projects for clients in the Boston metro area. Prior to that she was based in Colorado and developed housing in five states for the Michael's Development Company, the largest affordable housing developer in the nation. She has worked in the construction and planning field since she left her hometown in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania in 1997. She received her M.A. in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University, Medford, MA and her B.A. in History from New York University, New York, NY. Her master's thesis was a statistical analysis of "expiring use" multifamily housing. She has served as member of the Stoneham Surplus Schools Disposition Committee and helped launch the rebuilding of Rounds Playground.

Russ Wilson brings over 25 years experience across a broad spectrum of software solutions to address business issues. He brings full lifecycle experience including requirements development and management, business analysis, data analysis, logical and physical database design and project management. His applications focus is on Legal, Financial and Marketing functions with descriptive and predictive statistical analysis.