





History of Mayors City of Waterville, Maine

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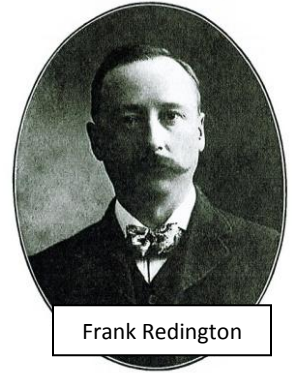
1. **Reuben Foster** — Mayor of Waterville, 1888.
2. **Nathaniel Meader** — Mayor of Waterville, 1889-91. Republican.
3. **Edgar L. Jones** — Mayor of Waterville, 1891-92, 1906. Democrat.
4. **Charles Fletcher Johnson (1859-1930)** — a/k/a **Charles F. Johnson** — Mayor of Waterville, 1893. Born in Winslow, Maine, February 14, 1859. Son of William F. Johnson and Ruth S. (Boulter) Johnson; married, December 21, 1881, to Abbie W. Britton. Democrat. School principal; lawyer; candidate for Governor of Maine, 1892, 1894; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1904, 1916; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1905-07; U.S. Senator from Maine, 1911-17; defeated, 1916; Judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, 1917-29. Unitarian. *Associations*: Psi Upsilon; Freemasons. Died in St. Petersburg, FL, February 15, 1930. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.

Charles Fletcher Johnson
5. **Christian Knauff** — Mayor of Waterville, 1894-95. Republican.
6. **Edmund F. Webb** — Mayor of Waterville, 1896. Republican. Alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from Maine, 1884.
7. **Charles H. Redington** — Mayor of Waterville, 1897; defeated, 1894. Democrat.
8. **Carroll Waite Abbott** — a/k/a **Carroll W. Abbott** — Mayor of Waterville, 1898. Born in Rumford, Maine, August 29, 1855. Son of Henry Abbott, Jr. and Charlotte (Waite) Abbott; married, October 4, 1882, to Georgia A. Wilson. Republican. Physician; Methodist. *Associations*: Freemasons; Knights Templar; Odd Fellows.
9. **Warren C. Philbrook (1857-1933)** — Mayor of Waterville, 1899-1900. Born in Sedgwick, Maine, November 30, 1857. Son of Luther Groves Philbrook and Angelia (Coffin) Philbrook; married 1882 to Ada M. Foster. Republican. Lawyer; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1897-99; Maine state attorney general, 1909-10; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1913-28. Unitarian. *Associations*: Freemasons; Knights of Pythias. Died May 31, 1933.

Warren Philbrook
10. **Martin Blaisdell** — Mayor of Waterville, 1901-02. Republican.
11. **Cyrus W. Davis** — Mayor of Waterville, 1903-04. Secretary of State of Maine, 1911. Democrat.
12. **Horace Purinton** — Mayor of Waterville, 1905. Republican.

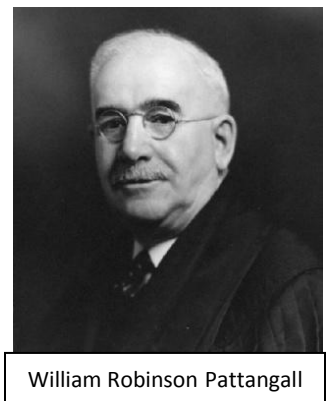
13. **Edgar L. Jones** — Mayor of Waterville, 1906, (also previously the mayor from 1891-92). Democrat.
14. **Luther G. Bunker** — Mayor of Waterville, 1907-08. Born in Trenton, Maine, March 19, 1868. Son of John E. Bunker and Mary A. (Alley) Bunker; married, June 22, 1904, to Emily H. Plaisted. Republican. Physician; member of Maine Republican State Committee, 1922-28. *Associations:* Freemasons; Odd Fellows; Elks; Knights of Pythias; Woodmen; Kiwanis.

15. **Frank Redington** — Mayor of Waterville, 1909. Republican.



16. **Norman K. Fuller** — Mayor of Waterville, 1910. Democrat.

17. **William Robinson Pattangall (1865-1942)** — a/k/a **William R. Pattangall** — Mayor of Waterville, 1911-13. Born in Pembroke, Maine, June 29, 1865. Son of Ezra Lincoln Pattangall and Arethusa B. (Longfellow) Pattangall; married, June 6, 1884, to Jean M. Johnson (died 1888); married, September 27, 1892, to Gertrude McKenzie. Lawyer; newspaper editor; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1897, 1901, 1909-11; Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine, 1904 (4th District), 1913 (3rd District), 1914 (3rd District); member of Maine Democratic State Committee, 1905-07; Maine state attorney general, 1911-12, 1915-16; Maine Democratic state chair, 1916, 1919; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1920, 1924; Democratic candidate for Governor of Maine, 1922, 1924; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1926-30; appointed 1926; chief justice of Maine state supreme court, 1930-35; appointed 1930; resigned 1935; delegate to Republican National Convention from Maine, 1936; president, Depositors Trust Co.. Unitarian. *Associations:* Beta Theta Pi; Phi Beta Kappa; Freemasons; Knights Templar; Knights of Pythias; Elks. Died October 21, 1942.

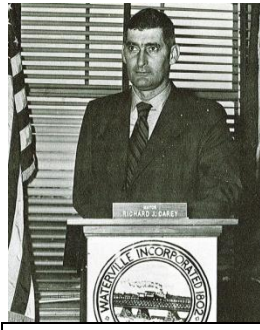


18. **Louis E. Hilliard** — Mayor of Waterville, 1914. Democrat.
19. **Martin F. Bartlett** — Mayor of Waterville, 1915. Republican.
20. **Frederic E. Boothby** — Mayor of Waterville, 1916. Republican.
21. **Ora A. Meader** — Mayor of Waterville, 1917. Democrat.
22. **Everett Cleveland Wardwell** — a/k/a **Everett C. Wardwell** — Mayor of Waterville, 1918-19. Born in Bucksport, Maine, August 25, 1859. Son of Albion S. Wardwell and Mary G. (Hatch) Wardwell; married, May 25, 1882, to Alta M. Smith. Republican. Dry goods merchant. *Associations:* Freemasons; Knights of Pythias; Rotary.

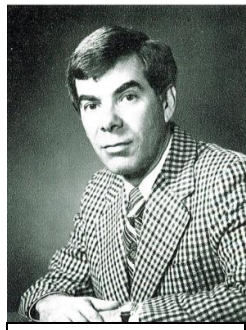
23. **Ernest Edwin Finnimore** — a/k/a **Ernest E. Finnimore** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1920-21**. Born in Portland, Maine, November 1, 1875. Son of Robert Finnimore and Margaret (Morris) Finnimore. Democrat. Supervisor, blacksmith department, Maine Central Railroad; Episcopalian. *Associations*: Kiwanis; Freemasons.
24. **Leon O. Tebbetts** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1922-24**. Democrat. Candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine 3rd District, 1922, 1924.
25. **Paul Revere Baird** — a/k/a **Paul R. Baird** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1925**. Born in Waitsfield, Vt., November 25, 1889. Son of John L. Baird and Belle (McLaren) Baird; married 1915 to Bertha E. Knowlton. Republican. Veterinarian; served in the U.S. Army during World War I; Congregationalist. *Associations*: Odd Fellows; Freemasons; Kiwanis; Grange.
26. **Herbert Carlyle Libby** — a/k/a **Herbert C. Libby** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1926-27**. Born in Burnham, Maine, December 28, 1878. Son of Isaac C. Libby and Helen M. (Green) Libby; married, December 21, 1912, to Mabel E. Dunn. Republican. Editor; superintendent of schools; Congregationalist. *Associations*: Rotary; Pi Kappa Delta; Zeta Psi. Interment at Waterville Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.
27. **Frederick Harold Dubord** — a/k/a **F. Harold Dubord** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1928-32**. Born in Waterville, Maine, December 14, 1891. Son of Harry M. Dubord and Mary (Poulin) Dubord; married, May 14, 1917, to Blanche Letourneau. Democrat. Clothing and shoe business; lawyer; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944; member of Democratic National Committee from Maine, 1932-48; candidate for U.S. Senator from Maine, 1934; candidate for Governor of Maine, 1936; candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine 2nd District, 1938; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1956-62; resigned 1962. Catholic. *Associations*: Elks; Knights of Columbus; Lambda Chi Alpha; Phi Delta Phi; American Bar Association.
28. **L. Eugene Thayer** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1933-34**. Born in Waterville, Maine, March 8, 1883. Son of Frank L. Thayer and Nora (Pulsifer) Thayer; married, January 9, 1907, to Florence Merrill. Democrat. Insurance business; director, People's National Bank. Unitarian. *Associations*: Freemasons. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.
29. **Robert M. Jackson** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1935-37**. Republican.
30. **Paul A. Dundas** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1938**. Democrat. Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1940.
31. **George J. Doyle** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1945**. Democrat. Alternate delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1944.
32. **H.C. Marden** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1946-1947**.
33. **Russell Squire** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1948-1951**.
34. **Richard J. Dubord** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1953-54**. Democrat. A native of Waterville, Mayor Dubord was a prominent lawyer who became the City's youngest mayor at the age of 30. Member of the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Conventions of 1956, 1960 and 1965; Attorney General for the State of Maine, 1965-66.



Donald Marden



Richard "Spike" Carey



Paul Laverdiere



Thomas Nale



Nelson Megna

- 35. **Clinton Amos Clauson** — a/k/a **Clinton A. Clauson** — Mayor of Waterville, 1956-57. Born in Mitchell, Iowa, March 28, 1895. Democrat. Served in the U.S. Army during World War I; chiropractor; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1956; Governor of Maine, 1959; died in office 1959. *Associations:* American Legion; Freemasons; Odd Fellows; Newcomen Society. Died December 30, 1959. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.
- 36. **Albert Bernier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1958-1961.
- 37. **Cyril Joly, Jr.** — Mayor of Waterville, 1962-1965.
- 38. **Malcolm Fortier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1966-1967.
- 39. **Donald Marden** — Mayor of Waterville, 1968-1969.
- 40. **Richard "Spike" Carey** — Mayor of Waterville, 1970-1978.
- 41. **Paul Laverdiere** — Mayor of Waterville, 1978-1982.
- 42. **Ann Gilbridge Hill** — Mayor of Waterville, 1982-1986.
- 43. **Thomas Nale** — Mayor of Waterville, 1986-1987.
- 44. **Judy Kany** — Mayor of Waterville, 1988-1989. Democrat. B.B.A. in finance and accounting from the University of Michigan. Master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine, Orono. Maine State Representative, 1975-1982. Maine State Senator, 1983-92. Chair, Maine's Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste, 1981-87. Served on two Commissions on Maine's Future. Judy and her husband Bob, long time Director of Summer and Special Programs at Colby College, have three adult children. Following legislative service, she was a member of the Pew Health Professions Commission's Taskforce on Regulating the Health Workforce and Augusta-based Medical Care Development's Project Director for Improving Public Policy for Regulating Maine's Health Professionals, 1993-97, and is currently Community Liaison for Amity at Circle Tree Ranch, Tucson, AZ (2003-___).
- 45. **David Bernier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1990-1993.
- 46. **Thomas Brazier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1994-1995.
- 47. **Nelson Megna** — Mayor of Waterville, 1995-1996.
- 48. **Ruth Joseph** — Mayor of Waterville, 1996-1998.



Judy Kany



Ruth Joseph

49. **Nelson Madore** — Mayor of Waterville, 1999-2003. College professor, writer.



Nelson Madore

50. **Paul R. LePage** — Mayor of Waterville, 2004-2011. Republican. Native of Lewiston, Maine, one of a family of 18 children. BS in Business from Husson College and an MBA in Finance and Economics from the University of Maine, Orono. Paul and his wife have five children and they reside in Waterville. Employed as General Manager for the Marden’s Company and serves on its 5-member board. Over the past 35 years, he has taught numerous business, accounting, and finance courses in colleges throughout Maine, and conducted many seminars on business topics and computer technology. He has published a handbook entitled “Financial Management for Non-Financial Executives.” LePage resigned from his tenure as Mayor for the City of Waterville on January 4, 2011. He was sworn in as Governor for the State of Maine the following day, January 5, 2011.



Paul R. LePage

Other Associations: Kennebec County Budget Committee member; Waterville Rotary member; Paul Harris Fellow; Waterville Elks Club member; former Chairman of the Board for the Mid Maine United Way; Mid Maine Homeless Shelter; and on the Advisory Board for the High Hopes Clubhouse.

51. **Dana W. Sennett** — Mayor of Waterville, 2011. Dana served as interim Mayor when former Mayor Paul R. LePage took office in January 2011, as Governor of the State of Maine. Dana won a special election in June of 2011 to fill the remainder of that term until the next regularly scheduled election to be held in November of 2011.

52. **Karen Heck** — Mayor of Waterville, 2012-