

## Orleans Finance Committee Membership and BIOs

As of January 2025

	<b>Term End</b>	<b>FY23 Officers</b>
Cheryl Codair	July 15, 2025	
Chris Kanaga	July 15, 2027	
David Abel	July 15, 2025	Clerk
Ed Mahoney	July 15, 2025	
Elaine Baird	July 15, 2027	Chair
John Cooper	July 15, 2026	
Nick Athanassiou	July 15, 2025	Vice Chair
Peter O'Meara	July 15, 2025, Associate Member	
Tony Pearl	July 15, 2026	
Open	Full Member	
Open	Associate Member	

### **Cheryl Codair** (term expires July 15, 2025)

Cheryl Codair has been a part-time resident of Orleans since 1997 and full time since 2004. She has served on the finance committee since spring 2024. Cheryl currently works as the Director of Health Services at the YMCA Cape Cod. She worked at IBM for 17 years. Her favorite role was as a worldwide Business Area Expert in Software SAP Pricing Enablement. Then, after the sudden death of her lifetime partner, she transitioned her employment to serve the underserved populations on Cape Cod and focus on her family. On Cape, her areas of operational experience included Outer Cape Health Services and Cape Cod Institute. Her community teaching included creating a financial literacy program and housing workshops at the Housing Assistance Corporation. She returned to nursing during COVID and worked on the front line. She holds a BS degree in Nursing from the University of Vermont and her studies include Northeastern University at the Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Gestalt International. As a volunteer nurse, Cheryl traveled to Honduras in health care partnership with a medical and dental brigade. Locally, she was elected to the Nauset Regional School Committee in 2012, served 2 years, volunteered on the Orleans After School Program Board, Lower Cape Outreach Council, Habitat for Humanities of Cape Cod, Softball coach for Orleans recreation and St. Joan of Arc Faith Formation.

Her twin daughters, Caroline and Katie, attended OES elementary, NRMS and graduated from NRHS and both reside in the Boston area. Cheryl believes in the importance of building and investing in community.

### **Chris Kanaga** (term expires 7/15/2027)

BA, University of Denver 1976; Juris Doctor, University of Denver 1979. Post Doctorate degree in taxation, Boston University, 1980. Member of the Bar, Colorado, and Massachusetts.

My first law practice was in the tax department of a national law firm, working on mergers and acquisitions in the financial industry. After a decade of representing banks throughout the U.S. and serving on the board of directors of two Bank Holding companies, I transitioned to a local practice on the Cape. I continued a corporate practice and represented many tax-exempt charities.

I served two terms on the Orleans Finance Committee in the 1980's and have served six terms as the Orleans representative to the Barnstable County Assembly of delegates, working on the finance and human services committees.

I have traveled extensively, and worked in a professional capacity in South Africa, South Korea, and throughout Europe. I speak passable French and Italian (and a little English in a pinch). I have also served as owner's representative on over \$60 million of construction. I love theatre, art, music, young people, sunsets, most sports (especially deep powder ski runs), and pretty much all food.

My wife Susie and I have lived in Orleans since 1983. We have two children, both Nauset High graduates (and both Massachusetts attorneys), and six grandchildren, none yet attorneys. This is a good thing, because as an old family friend Don Kendall once said to me (and to my father who was a CPA), "There's three things the world has too many of: Accountants, Lawyers... and Kanagas."

**David Abel** (FY25 Clerk, term expires 7/15/25)

David Abel has been a resident of Orleans with his wife and daughter since 2003 when they bought the old Bessom's store and opened Mari's boutique, Weekend. They lived in the apartment above the store for 13 years before purchasing Mari's family home also in Orleans.

David was on the Orleans School Committee for 4 years and the Orleans Renewable Energy Committee for 3 years.

David's career was based in Boston for 34 years where he became head of the condominium division of two prominent Boston management firms responsible for 3,000-6,000 units and 30-60 communities spread throughout Boston, the suburbs and Rhode Island and serviced by multiple portfolio and site managers. He has extensive experience in the overall management of both residential, commercial and mixed-use properties of all types ranging from detached rural townhouses to mid-rise and downtown Boston luxury high-rise communities.

David has his BA PolSci from Duke Univ. 1983 with an emphasis on Environmental Policy at a time when a career in that field did not exist. Instead, recognizing that buildings consume 40% of the nation's energy, he has over the past 20 plus years discovered many opportunities to initiate and implement numerous energy and resource conservation practices throughout the communities he served. He has extensive experience facilitating multi-million dollar capital renovation projects. He was a first-adopter of LED street lighting, demonstrating a financial payback prior to the adoption of incentive programs by the utilities and the Commonwealth. He has facilitated many energy conservation measures including the complete replacement of all lighting in many buildings, replacement of central heat & hot water systems with high-

efficiency furnaces and controls, installation of variable frequency drive (VFD) and many others.

In 2019 he ended his daily commute to Boston and joined Community Development Partnership as Chief Property Management Officer to manage their affordable housing portfolio through August 2020. He currently manages Seashore Point-Deaconess Condominium in Provincetown.

A descendant of the Pilgrims, David's parents moved year-round to family land in Brewster in 1970 where he attended the middle school and was in the first class to attend the then new Nauset High School 4 years. Mari and David's daughter attended Nauset and is a junior at Northeastern University.

**Edmund V. Mahoney** (term expires 7/15/2025)

Mr. Mahoney spent his career in the finance and investment departments of international insurance companies and as the chief compliance officer of an investment advisor. He concluded his career as the chief investment officer of a life insurance company and is currently the lead director of a publicly traded business development company. He has experience in real estate finance, international corporate finance, portfolio management, hedging, performance measurement and valuation of investments, as well as in-depth knowledge of investment advisor compliance.

**Elaine Baird** (FY25 Co – Chair, term expires 7/15/2027)

After college and graduate school, Elaine Baird moved to the lower Cape in the early 70's and began working at Three's Place, a retail store in Orleans which she subsequently purchased with her husband. In their 35yrs as Orleans business owners, they travelled extensively and imported merchandise from many different countries along the way (Europe, Asia, Africa, Russia). They added an art gallery in the mid '80's and became very involved with the regional and national arts community.

Elaine volunteered for many years as Treasurer of the Orleans Chamber of Commerce and the Orleans Improvement Association, and with multiple other Orleans economic and planning initiatives.

As an aside, Elaine has been an avid dog agility enthusiast, and has competed nationally, including at the Westminster Dog Show.

Elaine is passionate about Orleans – its economic and social health and profoundly defends our stewardship of its lands and waters.

**John Cooper** (term Expires July 15, 2026)

Broad experience in government and non-profit organization administration with a focus on budgeting and financial management. Worked in both the executive and legislative branches in North and South Carolina. Served as Associate Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher education. Held administrative positions at Harvard University including Internal Audit Department Supervisor and Assistant Dean for Budget and Finance for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Served as a college business professor for 15 years. Founding board member of the New England Center for Culinary Training. He is past Chair of the College Board of Visitors, Wake Forest University. Holds a liberal arts BA from Wake Forest University, NC, a Master of Public Administration, University of North Carolina, and an Ed.D. in administration, planning and social policy

from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. John Cooper has been a resident of Orleans since 199.

**Nick Athanassiou** (Vice-Chair, term expires 7/15/2025)

Nick Athanassiou has been a resident of Orleans since 1995 where he and his wife Jeanne McNett have owned their home since 1985. He has served on the Finance Committee since 2019. Nick consults on strategic planning with businesses and non-profit organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Pleasant Bay (2022 -), Payomet (2028 – 2021), and the Namequoit Sailing Association as Junior Sailing school committee Chair 2016 – 2019).

Nick joined the faculty of Northeastern University's D'Amore-McKim School of Business in 1995 upon completion of the Ph.D. in International Business and Strategic Management from the University of South Carolina. He served as the International Business and Strategy Department founding Chair from 2005 to 2014. He retired in 2017. His areas of teaching are in global management, implications of cultural differences on international strategy implementation, and strategic management. His research has focused on characteristics of top management teams viewed as social networks and their impact on the firm's strategy, on family business founder legacy and strategies, and on the social network view of the firm. His work has been published in the *Journal of International Business Studies*, the *Strategic Management Journal*, *Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice*, *Management International Review*, and the *Journal of World Business*. He holds an MBA from University of Michigan, an MSEE from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a BS degree from the Naval Academy of Greece.

From 1974 to 1990 Nick held international business executive positions – initially in corporate finance – based in the United States (CT), Japan (Tokyo), and the UK (London) with PepsiCo, KFC International, and Heublein, Inc. He began his professional career as an officer in the Greek Navy.

**Peter O'Meara** (Associate Member, term expires 7/15/2025)

Peter and his wife have a history in Orleans since the 1960's first as vacation visitors, then seasonal renters, then as homeowners having built their first home in 1984 in South Orleans, before becoming full time residents in 2011. After his retirement he served on the Fourth of July Committee and as a volunteer. As the President of the Friends of the Fourth of July Inc. we raise funds solely to support the annual Fireworks and have seen the incredible generosity of the Orleans community.

He has served three terms on the Orleans Finance Committee which has given him the opportunity to have a better understanding of municipal finance as well as the workings, pressures and needs of Town government. His family has supported several Orleans organizations over the years that contribute to the uniqueness of Orleans including The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans, The Citizens Forum, The Firebirds, Orleans Fire and Police Relief Funds, Orleans Yacht Club, Orleans Republican Town Committee and Saint Joan of Arc Parish.

Peter has extensive experience in directing state agencies with emphasis on financial accountability, internal controls, strategic planning, and policy. He has managed complex projects, programs, and significant staff resources. Much of his experience is based in health and human services. Peter completed his undergraduate degree at

Villanova and graduate degree at Boston College in addition to completing the Program for Senior Executives of the Commonwealth at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Tony Pearl** (term expires 7/15/2026)

Carleton (Tony) Pearl retired as founder and CEO of Systems Capital Corporation, a two-billion-dollar finance company that financed McDonald's franchisers and suppliers. Prior to that he was senior vice president and treasurer of McDonald's Corporation, where he established their international financial system. He was responsible for global financing in all the currencies in the many countries in which the company operated. Additional responsibilities included US cash management, derivative operations, and currency hedging. McDonald's insurance operations reported to him, and he was chairman of the committee that chose the investors for the MCD retirement funds.

He has served on the boards of RIM Finances LTD, the International Security Exchange, and The Bunge Financial Company. He was a trustee of the Aon Funds. Pearl was advisory director for the boards of the McDonald's Corporation and the School of Arts and Sciences of DePaul University. Charitable boards also included the Chicago Shakespeare Theater and the Lincoln Park Zoo.

Pearl received a bachelor's degree in English from Colgate University and an MBA from New York University. He served as an officer in the US Coast Guard on the 206-foot search and rescue ship the USCGC Tamaroa and the 180-foot buoy tender USCG Firebush. He also served in the USCG computer facility AMVER (Automated Merchant Vessel Emergency Reporting System).