

## **Chris Mallon and Bob Porter Join the Ti-Alliance Board**

October 30, 2018, Ticonderoga, NY – The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has welcomed Chris Mallon and Robert (Bobby) Porter to their Board of Directors. Both Mallon and Porter are well known to Ticonderoga Area residents for their work in the community.

Chris Mallon moved to Ticonderoga in 2002 when he assumed the role of Mill Manager at International Paper's Ticonderoga mill. He managed the mill from 2002 to 2009, and again from 2012 until his retirement in 2015. In a career with IP that spanned more than 33 years, he held various positions in engineering, manufacturing, human resources, and the environment– eventually managing paper mills in New York, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. He loved his assignment at the Ticonderoga mill and especially enjoyed helping the workforce there achieve success and job security.

Although he and his wife Janet (a retired teacher from the Ti school system and active community supporter) have lived in many places, Ticonderoga (Putnam Station) is their adopted and permanent home. Chris has served on boards of organizations in the states in which he has worked, involved with manufacturing, education, health care, and support for persons with disabilities. He received his degree in paper science and engineering from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

Bobby Porter is a Science Teacher at Ticonderoga Middle School and owner of The Wind-Chill Factory, which he founded in 1996. He is a lifelong resident of Ticonderoga where he resides with his wife Jennifer and four children; Brandon, Vivian, Aidan & Irelan. He is a past President of the Ticonderoga Teacher's Association (TTA), has been the TTA Negotiation Chairman since 2004 and has been recognized as an Educator of Excellence by the New York State English Council. Bobby was a member of the Lake George Park Commission's Boat Patrol from 1989-1996, where he held positions of Patrolman and Sargent. He is currently a member of the International Paper's Community Advisory Council and was recently inducted into the Ticonderoga High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bobby holds a B.S. in Education from SUNY Plattsburgh and a M.S. Degree in Education from the University of New England.

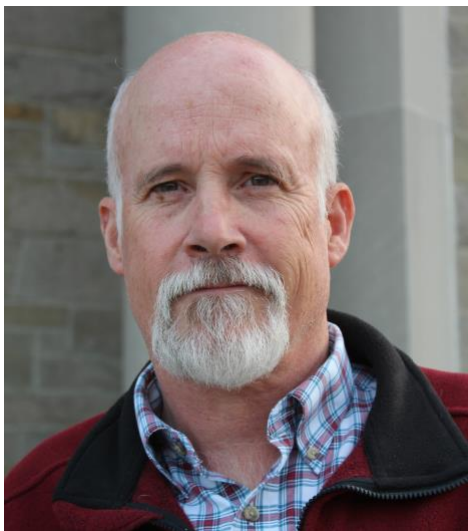
“Both these individuals will make stellar board members for the Alliance”, said Executive Director Donna Wotton. “Chris brings firsthand knowledge of the Ti area's employment challenges, as well as hands-on experience with project management, a broad view of our community, and long-time roots and passion for our area. Bobby has a unique perspective as both an educator and successful businessman in Ticonderoga. He is especially in touch with young people, parents, and business leaders in our community. We're excited to have his boundless energy and creativity on our board.”

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance is currently playing a critical role in the development of a plan for trade education in Ticonderoga with North Country Community College. Several advisory councils have been

set up to help guide the plan. As part of their work on the Alliance board, Chris Mallon will represent the Alliance on the Recruitment and Employment Council and Bobby Porter will represent the Alliance on the Curriculum Council.

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance is a not-for-profit, local development corporation (LDC) whose mission is to restore economic prosperity in the Ticonderoga region by serving as a catalyst for innovative ideas and resources, and for public-private partnerships and investment opportunities.

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