

Biography

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Richard MacNeill, Alternate Member

Laconia

Richard “Rich” MacNeill has spent a lifetime connected to public service and natural resources. A self-proclaimed “Forest Service brat” he was born on the George Washington National Forest and grew up on National Forests across the United States as part of a Forest Service family. After graduating from Hayward High School in Wisconsin, he earned an Associate of Science degree in Industrial Electrical Technology from Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rich served five years in the United States Navy, with the unique distinction of circumnavigating the globe twice. Following his military service, he returned to New Hampshire and built a successful 37-year career in the high-voltage electric utility industry.

A dedicated community volunteer, Rich has served for many years on the Laconia Planning Board. In 2024, he was appointed to represent Laconia on the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and in 2026, he was elected to serve as an Alternate Member of its Executive Board.