

LPC Senate District 7

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Frenchboro	Surry	

Candidate Profiles:

Kathleen Rybarz has served as a member of the selectboard in Lamoine for the past nine years. Kathleen served on the LPC for the 2020-2022 term and would like to serve again because she is interested in municipal law in general, land use, housing, marine law, natural resources, and health care as a retired pharmacist. Because of her interest in marine resources, particularly the expansion of aquaculture leases in the region, she served locally on the 7-town Frenchman Bay Shellfish Municipal Joint Board.

Roberta Boczkiewicz has served as selectboard member in the town of Castine for the past year and a half. Prior service includes terms on Castine's planning board, Comprehensive Plan committee, and on the Historic Preservation Commission in Mukwonago, WI. She would like to serve on the LPC because she feels it is important to have voices from small waterfront communities' voices heard. She would like to see the Blue Hill Peninsula continue to be represented on the LPC and would like to support the Maine Maritime academy, which adds to Castine's identity, diversity and multilayered reality.

Carolyn Ball is in her fourth year serving on the selectboard in Southwest Harbor, the past two as chair. She has also served on the town's Comprehensive Plan and warrant committees, serving as the liaison with the Comprehensive Plan update in 2023. She serves Southwest Harbor as grant writer for various projects as well. Carolyn served this past term on the LPC and would like to continue to serve because she has a keen interest in ensuring home rule authority continues and feels that the state needs to provide support for housing and creating resilient communities. She would like to use her expertise as the former MPA director at the University of Maine, having taught a class on managing cities, towns and counties for the Muskie School prior to its closing, and is proud of her expertise in creating a pipeline for future managers.

Kathleen Billings has served as town manager in Stonington for the past 17 years. Kathleen also serves on the Deer Isle-Stonington CSD school board. Prior to that she served as Stonington's town clerk and on the Comprehensive Plan committees for both Stonington and Deer Isle. She also serves as chair of the municipal shellfish committee. Kathleen has served on the LPC since 2018 and feels like it would be an honor to continue her service to her senate district, especially to bring the smaller towns' capacity prospectives and needs to the committee. She enjoys helping shape policy on taxation, solid waste, energy, climate change, and economic development and wants to continue to work on critical housing needs in the area. She is a hands-on town manager who works through these challenges every day and believes she is an effective leader representing the needs of the towns in the district.