

Claude O. Phipps, Board Chair

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Claude graduated from the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and spent three years in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Commissioned Officer Corps doing oceanographic research and first-order land surveys. He was later employed at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in the state of Washington and Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon where he became licensed as a Professional Engineer. After transferring to the National Park Service, Claude was employed at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and then, Cape Cod National Seashore where he finished his career as Chief of Maintenance. Upon retirement in 1997, he moved to Newbury, Vermont and has since volunteered for Green Up Vermont, Cracker Barrel Bazaar, Newbury Woman's Club, AARP Tax-Aide, Oxbow High School Scholarship Committee, and Newbury REDInet. In January 2017, Claude and his wife Connie Philleo received the 2016 Citizens of the Year award from the Cohase Chamber of Commerce.