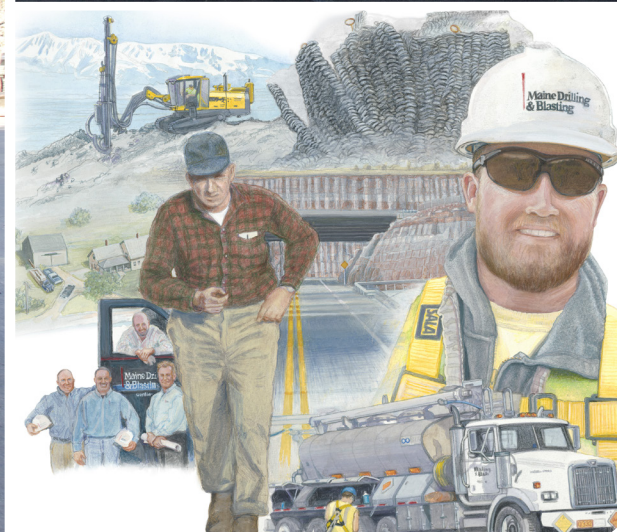


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At left, the local Maine Drilling & Blasting executive team. Back row, from left: Ted Purington Jr., executive vice president; and Bill Purington, chairman and CEO. Front row, from left: Mitchell Green, senior vice president; Dan Werner, president; John Capasso, MD Drilling & Blasting president; Tim Maynard, CFO; and Todd Barrett, regional vice president. PHOTOS/SUBMITTED

Drilling home a rock-solid reputation for safety

After 50 years in the business, Maine Drilling & Blasting has gained a solid reputation in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic by holding true to four key principles.

“We’ve been successful by being responsible, respectful, honest and fair,” explained Todd Barrett, regional executive for Maine Drilling & Blasting. “We tell you what we’re going to do, and we do it.”

While Maine Drilling & Blasting was founded in Gardner, Maine, it has greatly expanded its footprint with offices in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania, in addition to the corporate headquarters in Maine. The drilling and blasting company provides services as far south as Delaware, Maryland and the Virginias.

“We opened an office last year in Bethel,

Pennsylvania,” Barrett said. “We have been doing work in this state since 2008. It’s important to have crews local to the regions where we work so we can understand the local regulations and local customs, and to best service our customers.”

Maine Drilling & Blasting offers turkey support to state departments of Transportation as well as area contractors, construction companies and quarries. Since 1966, the company has performed more than 2 million controlled blasts for highways, site development, quarries, housing lots, utilities and marine work — demonstrating a diverse expertise.

“There’s a variety of work in all regions,” Barrett said. “We are less mature with our quarry work in Pennsylvania, but we’re growing.”

Maine Drilling & Blasting now has nearly 400 employees. Its services include rock anchoring, hoe ramming, value engineering, public relations, pre-blast surveys, product distribution and quarry planning/blasting.

“We are a one-stop shop for drilling and blasting,” Barrett explained. “We do it all internally so we can manage our work, do it more cost effec-

tively without delays, and provide the schedule our clients need.”

The company takes its partnerships very seriously, and that means making safety a top priority.

“We do an awful lot of training — both internally and externally,” Barrett said. “Safety training is a big part of that. It’s a continual process in which everyone participates. Safety has become a culture at Maine Drilling, especially over the last 15 years.”

Because the work it does is inherently dangerous, Maine Drilling & Blasting focuses on safety and training specific to each job site. Before beginning any project, it conducts project startup safety meetings with ongoing daily updates and training.

“We take our partnerships very seriously,” Barrett added. “Our clients require a lot from us, and we work to make it right for them the first time.”