

Biography – Howard W. Peterson, Jr.

Howard Peterson, Jr. is President and owner of Peterson's Oil Service, Inc., of Worcester, Massachusetts, a four-generation family-owned and operated fuel distribution business. Of note, the Peterson family recently welcomed the first member of the fifth generation. Peterson's Oil Service began selling petroleum products in 1946, after transitioning from selling ice. Since then the company has weathered multiple economic, energy and weather crises, Federal price controls, and a need to relocate the family business under eminent domain related to the expansion of our nation's highway system. Peterson is a lifelong leader in the local business community and in the home heating industry. He is a long-time member of the New England Fuel Institute and served as its Chairman from 2010-2014. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Energy Marketing Association, the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America and has served or continues to serve on the Board of Directors of these organizations. He is also a member of the Oil Heat Institute of Rhode Island, the Oil Heat Council of New Hampshire, the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). He has served as Trustee or Treasurer of the Worcester County Horticultural Society and the Worcester Academy, a co-educational day and boarding school for children. He is a recipient of the Children's Friend Award from the Worcester Children's Friend Society, a local charity benefitting orphaned, abandoned and neglected children. Peterson is a graduated of Worcester Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He resides in Boylston, Massachusetts with his wife Sharon and is a lifelong member of Emanuel Lutheran Church.