



# 2024 VRLDA Lumber Person of the Year Award Recipient

## Tim Comes

Goodro Lumber Company Inc.

Tim Comes, a distinguished figure in the lumber and building material industry, has been a driving force in the field for over three decades. Born and raised in Middlebury, VT, Tim's journey in the industry began at the young age of 15, working part-time at a local lumberyard. His early tasks included stocking shelves, straightening lumber piles, and shoveling snow off the loading dock, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to the trade.

Tim's professional career took off with Middlebury Building Supply from 1983 to 1986, followed by a role at Woodbury Lumber from 1986 to 1991. In 1991, he joined Goodro Lumber, where he remains a vital contributor to this day. His tenure at Goodro Lumber saw him not only excel in his sales goals but also establish significant partnerships, including one with Mark & Cindy Thomas and Ron Warner in 2010.

Throughout his career, Tim has been a prominent figure in various industry associations. His involvement with the Northern Retail Lumber Association (NRLA) includes serving as President of the Vermont Retail Lumber Dealers Association (VRLDA) from 2017 to 2019 and as a member of the NRLA Board of Directors during the same period. His leadership extended to the NRLA Executive Committee as Member at Large from 2020 to 2021, where he also chaired the membership committee.

In addition to his industry achievements, Tim has been actively engaged in his community. His

commitment to education is evidenced by his service on the Business Management Board of Directors at Hannaford Career Center from 1992 to 1996 and his continued role on the Board of Directors for the Construction Tech Class since 2010. His civic involvement includes being a former member and Treasurer of the Middlebury Fire Department and a long-time coach in little league baseball.

Tim's personal life is equally remarkable. He and his wife, Jill, have been together for 26 years, raising her three daughters and later adopting three boys. Their family has enjoyed years of shared activities, including hunting, fishing, and coaching. Tim's dedication to family extends to his hobbies, which include gardening, landscaping, and creating beautiful stone walls and flower gardens.

A graduate of Middlebury Union High School in 1985, Tim was recognized as an outstanding Business Management student. His career and community contributions reflect his guiding principle: to enjoy life and the people around him while working hard to earn professional advancements.

Tim Comes embodies the spirit of the Lumber Person of the Year through his unwavering dedication to the industry, his extensive community involvement, and his commitment to excellence and mentorship. His story is one of perseverance, leadership, and an enduring passion for both his profession and his community.