

# MANP Candidate Questionnaire 2018

Through this questionnaire Maine offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency and let them know how you would partner with them to advance policies that would strengthen Maine. Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

## Did You Know?

Maine nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 workers in Maine;
- Contribute approximately \$11 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted;
- Pay \$4.3 billion annually in wages, which translates to approximately \$264 million in personal income tax revenue; and
- Mobilize 345,000 volunteers each year to improve communities!

## Your Name \*

Bob Faunce

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## Office Running For \*

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State House

## District

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Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. \*

20 years as Lincoln County Planner

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Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to advance policies that strengthen Maine.

Have often worked with land trusts, various state and regional NPs to improve environment, local jobs, businesses and farming.

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What is your position on property tax exemption for Maine nonprofit property owners?

Depends. I think NPs should provide some level of financial assistance to communities where they have a substantial presence - at least cover the cost of municipal services provided to them. Land trusts should donate at least the equivalent of the tree growth tax on their holdings to their host communities. This was the policy I followed when president of a Maine land trust. If that disqualifies me from your organization's support, then that would be unfortunate and, I think, shortsighted. Many, many folks don't understand the value that NPs provide to the state, their regions and their communities. Perhaps that is a failure of communication but stepping up and offering to provide at least a very modest share of the cost of servicing NP properties would go a long way in creating public good will and appreciation.

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