



**Name:** Joanne Dunlap

**Running For:** State Senator

**District:** 17

## Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector. Once we receive your response, your answers will be posted on our website at [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates). Please respond no later than Friday, September 30, 2016.

Did you know nonprofits:

- **Employ 1 in 7 workers** in Maine.
- **Contribute \$10 billion per year** to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale sales, and professional services contracted.
- **Pay \$3.6 billion annually in wages**, which translates to approximately **\$206 million in personal income tax revenue**.
- **Mobilize 350,000 volunteers each year** to improve communities.

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

I have volunteered and served on the board of the Rangeley Public Library (acted as Treasurer for several years), worked with Rangeley Friends of the Arts and currently serve as Clerk of the Vestry for my church and Secretary of the board of the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

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

I would work to cut back some of the red tape involved with non-profits. I also would like to see better "press" for the many accomplishments and services provided by non-profits. I find here in Rangeley there is some misunderstanding of the roles that non-profits play.

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

I believe property tax exemptions are needed but only for property that is actually involved in the community work. Some nonprofits seem to have amassed large holdings which are not connected to their work which should not be exempt.

**4. Do you have any specific questions or need further information on any particular issue regarding Maine's nonprofit sector that we can help you with?**

You may submit your responses as follows:

Via email to: [mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org](mailto:mecasale@nonprofitmaine.org)

Online: [www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates](http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/2016candidates)

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