2022 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Did you know?

Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy

Email *

Candidate’s Full Name *

Art Bell
Office Running For: *

- Governor
- U.S. House
- State House
- State Senate
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Other: __________________________________________________________

District *

103 (Yarmouth)

Campaign website:

artbellmaine.com

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

I have worked with and for many non-profits over the years. Most prominently, I served as the Treasurer of YCAN (Yarmouth Cares About Neighbors) for many years. The past number of years I have been working with the Royal River Alliance to educate the public about how we need to restore the river watershed.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

1. Create cleaner river watersheds in Maine by removing unnecessary dams;
2. Repurpose abandoned rail lines into recreational bike & pedestrian corridors;
3. Empower the next generation to take a leadership role in saving our planet from climate change

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign.

I have been working with many environmental groups to achieve consensus to remove dams ... Maine Rivers, Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and several land trusts. The Maine Trails Coalition, along with Rails to Trails and the Bike Coalition of Maine are all working to draw attention the idea of repurposing rail lines into recreational trails. The Youth Climate Justice and local high school groups like Green Voices are helping us craft programs to get youth involved in addressing the climate goals of Maine's Climate Council.