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

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Candidate's Full Name *

Barry F. Powers
Governor  
U.S. House  
**State House**  
State Senate  
Sheriff  
County Commissioner  
Other:  

As a young adult I worked for Camp Joy in Boston, a summer camp for emotionally disturbed children, as a counselor. Later, I worked with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for those with financial need and little access to housing. I've donated money to numerous non-profits throughout my life (Red Cross, various medical research non-profits focusing on MS and cancer, etc.) Today, I am active in the Sebago Lions and Sebago Branch Duckers.

As a Budget Committee member for the town of Sebago we analyze needs for the town, non-profit resources available to address those needs and ultimately allocate town tax funds to non-profits where applicable.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals.

1) Improvement in education
2) Protection of our natural resources
3) Fostering a climate for economic growth

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

Government does not need to be the first stop for solving all of our problems or for creating innovation for growth. Quite often non-profits are closer to the issues effecting us in our own communities and can address them more effectively and at greater speed. A good example of this the non-profit Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) which helps preserve water quality in our local lakes and ponds. Another great example is the Loon Echo Land Trust that helps preserve the beautiful woodland and wildlife that makes our District so unique.

As a State Representative I would balance the needs of our community with the ability to solve those needs most effectively and with the greatest speed. If we, in State government, can assist non-profits in solving for those needs more effectively then we should do that. That means hearing out concerns brought to us by those organizations and making it easier for them to accomplish their missions.