

VOTER PRIMER



for the 2020 General Election

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POLLING INFORMATION

Blue Hill

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Blue Hill Consolidated School, 60 High St.

COVID-19 precautions: For the election, ballot clerks as well as volunteers will help with things such as voter check in, casting ballots, sanitizing all surfaces after each voter, etc. All clerks and volunteers will have PPE, which has been made available by the state.

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, in the lobby at the Town Hall. Please wear a mask when entering the building.

Are there town referendum questions? Three referendum questions and one straw poll question.

Brooklin

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Brooklin Town Office, 23 Bay Rd.

COVID-19 precautions: As required by the CDC and Division of Elections, use of PPE and social distancing.

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, to the left of front door at the town office.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Brooksville

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Brooksville Municipal Building, 1 Townhouse Rd.

COVID-19 precautions: Standard precautions

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, by front door of the Townhouse.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Castine:

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Emerson Hall, 67 Court St.

COVID-19 precautions: We ask that anyone who votes in person wear a mask, maintain six feet social distance, hand sanitize and not come if feeling sick. The voting areas during absentee voting and on election day will be wiped down and sanitized after every use. Monitoring how many people come into the building at once to make sure social distancing and other precautions are followed.

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, to the right of Emerson Hall's front doors (there is a sign). There is a secured box on the inside of the building that the clerk checks regularly.

Are there town referendum questions? No. There will be a town election for selectmen, school board and library trustee.

Deer Isle

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Deer Isle Municipal Building, 70 Church St.

COVID-19 precautions: Best practices with social

distancing markings, mask requirement, one-way pedestrian flow, multiple hand sanitizer stations, encouraging early voting.

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, located next to the Clerk/Treasurer entrance door.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Isle au Haut

Polling: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Revere Memorial Hall, 1 Main St.

Penobscot

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Penobscot Fire Station, 46 North Penobscot Rd.

COVID-19 precautions: Face coverings required, six foot distancing, voting booths cleaned after each voter, alternating booths; following state guidelines.

Ballot drop-off box: No.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Sedgwick

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Ridge Road Fire Station, 202 Sedgwick Ridge Rd.

COVID-19 precautions: Following the governor's executive orders and the guidelines from the Secretary of State's office.

Ballot drop-off box: No.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Stonington

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Stonington Town Hall, second floor meeting room, 32 Main St.

COVID-19 precautions: We are asking that everyone wear a mask (they will be supplied also), use hand sanitizer available at the door and maintain social distancing. We will be cleaning voting booths between voters. There will be signage in regards to all of this.

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, located on the Tower stair wall, outside to the left of the door.

Are there town referendum questions? No.

Surry

Polling: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Surry Town Office, 741 North Bend Rd.

COVID-19 precautions: Following CDC guidelines. Masks, sneeze guards, six-foot distancing, etc

Ballot drop-off box: Yes, located to the right of the front door.

Are there town referendum questions? Yes

Completed voter registration cards may be hand-delivered or mailed to your town office or city hall.

When you register for the first time in Maine, you'll need to provide identity documents that show you have established your voting residence in the State of Maine. You can show a current utility bill, or use your driver's license or ID, bank statement or paycheck stub. Any government document with your name and address will do. For more information, visit the Maine Voting Residence Fact Sheet page.

There is no cut-off date for registering to vote in person at your town office or city hall. If you want to register to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on the 21st day before the election.

How to apply for and receive an absentee ballot

Contact the municipal clerk in the town where you are registered to vote. Uniformed Service and Overseas voters will request an absentee ballot directly from the Secretary of State, Division of Elections.

You can make a telephone request for your own ballot, which will be mailed to the address you provide to the clerk.

You can request your own ballot electronically using the Secretary of State's online absentee ballot request service. The approved online form can be found at the following website: [maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/Absentee Ballot/index.pl](http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/Absentee%20Ballot/index.pl)

You can make a written request by completing an absentee ballot application. Additionally, you can obtain a ballot for an immediate family member in this same way. A ballot will be mailed to the voter directly or to an immediate family member making the request. Your municipal clerk can tell you who is considered an immediate family member under the law.

NOTE: Ballots obtained by the voter or an immediate family member do not require witnesses, unless the voter receives assistance from another person in reading or marking the ballot.

Applications are available starting three months before the election from the municipal clerk or online at [maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/Absentee Ballot/index.pl](http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/Absentee%20Ballot/index.pl).

NOTE: If you receive an unsolicited absentee ballot application in the mail from a political party, campaign or advocacy organization, please note that these entities are not affiliated with the State of Maine's Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions or your municipal clerk's office. Thus, they have no way of knowing whether you have already requested your absentee ballot.

You can disregard the mailing, or if you have not yet requested your ballot and you choose to use the form, make sure that the envelope mails the application directly to your municipal clerk for processing. Please do not fill out this form and return it to your clerk if you have already requested your absentee ballot by other means, as the review and rejection process of subsequent requests will result in unnecessary work for your municipal clerk. You need only submit one request.

How to vote by mail

1. Complete an absentee ballot application to get a ballot; then,
2. Fill out and deliver the ballot to the municipal clerk, or to the Secretary of State, Division of Elections (if you are a Uniformed Service or Overseas voter).

For the November 3, 2020, General Election, the deadline to request an absentee ballot by telephone or online Absentee Ballot Request service is 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 29. A voter may vote in the presence of the clerk during the clerk's office hours, until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 30.

What is the difference between "mail-in voting" and "absentee voting"?

Absentee ballots have to be requested by the voter to be mailed out. Mail-in ballots typically refer to states where the ballots are sent to all registered voters whether they requested one or not." - News Center Maine

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote by filling out a voter registration card at your town office or city hall, through any Motor Vehicle branch office, in most state and federal social service agencies, or at voter registration drives.

You can also download and print a Maine voter registration application here: maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/pdf/voterregcard20.pdf.

Please note that both sides of the card will print on one page.

If you cannot print the voter registration application, contact your town clerk to have a voter registration card mailed to you. A printed version of the voter registration card, with your original signature, must be kept on file by your town clerk, so the card cannot be transmitted electronically.

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U. S. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Incumbent Donald Trump, President (R)

Political: President, United States of America, 2017-present; Candidate, President of the United States of America, 2020.

Professional: Former Owner, Miss Universe Organization; Former Owner, New Jersey Generals; Former Host, "The Celebrity Apprentice"; Former Host, "Trumped!"; Chair, Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts, Incorporated; Former Owner, Trump Shuttle; Co-Founder, Trump University; Founder/Chair/President/Chief Executive Officer, The Trump Organization, 1975-2017; Producer, "The Apprentice," 2004-2015.

Education: BS, Economics/Real Estate, Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, 1968; attended Fordham University, 1964-1966.

Personal/civic: Married with three children.

Mike Pence, Vice President (R)

Political: Vice President, United States of America, 2017-present; President, United States Senate, 2017-present; Governor, State of Indiana, 2012-2017; Representative, United States House of Representatives, 2000-2012; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, 1988, 1990.

Professional: Talk Show Host, Network Indiana, 1994-2000; Television Host, 1995-1999; President, Indiana Policy Review Foundation, 1991-1994; Attorney, Private Practice, 1986-1990; Admissions Counselor, Hanover College, 1981-1983.

Education: JD, School of Law, Indiana University, 1986; BA, American History, Hanover College, 1981.

Personal/civic: Married with three children.

Joseph Biden, President (D)

Political: Candidate, President of the United States, 1988, 2008, 2020; Vice President, United States of America, 2008-2017; President, United States Senate, 2008-2017; Senator, United States Senate, 1972-2008; Member, New Castle County Council, 1970-1972.

Professional: Former Adjunct Professor, Widener University School of Law; Former Attorney/Public Defender, 1969-1972.

Education: JD, Syracuse University College of Law, 1968; BA, History/Political Science, University of Delaware, 1965.

Personal/civic: Married, four children. Co-Founder/Former Board Co-Chair, The Biden Cancer Initiative; Co-Founder, The Biden Foundation; Founder, The Biden Institute at the University of Delaware; Founder, The Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement.

Kamala Harris (D), Vice President

Political: Senator, United States Senate, California, 2017-present; Candidate, President of the United States, 2020; Attorney General, State of California, 2011-2016; Candidate, United States Senate, California, 2016; Candidate, Attorney General, State of California, 2010, 2014.

Professional: Former Member, California Medical Assistance Commission; Former Member, Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board; District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco, 2004-2011; Chief, Community and Neighborhood Division, Office of the San Francisco City Attorney, 2000-2003; Attorney, Career Criminal Unit, Office of the San Francisco District Attorney, 1998-2000; Deputy District Attorney, Alameda County, 1990-1998.

Education: JD, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1990; BA, Political Science/Economics, Howard University, 1986.

Personal/civic: Married, two stepchildren. Former Fellow, Aspen Institute; Former Member, California District Attorneys Association Board; Vice President, National District Attorneys Association.

Roque De La Fuente (Alliance Party), President

Political: Candidate, President of the United States of America, 2020; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, California, District 21, 2020; Candi-

date, United States Senate, California, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Delaware, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Hawaii, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Minnesota, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Rhode Island, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Vermont, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Washington, 2018; Candidate, United States Senate, Wyoming, 2018; Candidate, President of the United States, 2016; Candidate, United States Senate, Florida, 2016.

Professional: Founder/Owner, National Enterprises Incorporated, present; Owner, American Money Exchange; Owner, "D" Dollar Exchange; Former Chair, National Dealer Council of United States of America; Board Chair/Largest Shareholder, People's Bank/First National Bank, 1987; Founder, De La Fuente Business Park, 1986; Founder/Shareholder/Director, Pacific Commerce Banking, 1985; Founder/Shareholder/Director, Balboa National Bank, 1983; Founder, American Automotive Management & Services, Incorporated (American International Enterprises Incorporated, dba American International Realty), 1979; General Sales Manager, Kearny Mesa Volkswagen, 1975; Employee, Mazda Dealership, El Cajon, California, 1974; Employee, Toyota Dealership, 1974.

Education: Attended, Business Administration/Accounting, Anáhuac University; Attended, Business Administration/Accounting, University of San Diego; attended, Saint Catherine's Military Academy; Bachelor's, Physics/Mathematics, Instituto Patria.

Personal/civic: Married with five children. Member, City/County of San Diego Annexation Task Force; Member, Otay Mesa Developing Council; At-Large Delegate, State of California, Democratic National Convention, 1992.

Darcy Richardson (Alliance Party), Vice President

Political: Candidate, President of the United States, 2012, 2020; Candidate, Governor of Florida, 2018; Candidate, Florida State Lieutenant Governor, 2010; Candidate, United States Senate, 1988; Candidate, Pennsylvania Auditor General, 1980.

Professional: Former Editor, Consumers Voice; Campaign Manager, Eugene McCarthy Presidential Campaign, 1988.

Education: Temple University

Personal/civic: Former Member, Democratic Precinct Committee.

Howie Hawkins (Green), President

Political: Candidate, President of the United States, 2012, 2020; Candidate, Governor of New York, 2018; Candidate, Vice President of the United States, 2016; Candidate, New York State Governor, 2014; Candidate for Syracuse Common Council, Green Party, 1993-2013; Candidate, New York State Governor, 2010; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, District 25, 2000, 2004, 2008; Candidate, United States Senate, 2006; Candidate New York Comptroller, Green Party, 1998, 2002; Candidate, Syracuse Common Council, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2001; Candidate for Onondaga County Executive, Green Party, 1999; Candidate, Onondaga County Executive, 1999; Candidate, Mayor, City of Syracuse, 1997.

Professional: Freight Unloader, United Parcel Service (UPS), 2001-2017; Co-Op Organizer, CommonWorks, 1991-2001; Self-Employed Framing Carpenter/Solar and Wind Energy Installer/Logger, 1972-1991; Co-owner, Retrofit Associates, 1978-1984; Served, United States Marine Corps Reserves, 1972-1978; Bus Boy/Food Server/Short Order Cook, 1968-1970.

Education: Attended, Dartmouth College, 1975.

Personal/civic: Member, Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Solider Organization, 1972-1975, 2006-present; Co-Founder/National Committee Representative, Green Alliance, 2001-present; National Committee Member, Green Party of the United States, 2001-present; Member, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 317, 2001-present; Member, Teamsters for a Democratic Union, 2001-present; Co-Founder/National Committee Representative, Independent Progressive Politics Network, 1995-present; Member, Industrial Workers of the World,

1975-present; Member, Socialist Party United States of America, 1973-present; Member, American Legion Dunbar Post 1642, present; Board Secretary, Eat To Live Food Cooperative, present; Member, Solidarity, present; Treasurer, South Side Community Coalition, present; Field Coordinator, Upstate New York, Ralph Nader Presidential Campaign, 2000-2004; Member/National Committee Representative, National Committee for Independent Political Action, 1983-1998; Member, Labor Advocates, 1995-1996; Co-Founder/National Coordinator, Left Green Network, 1988-1992; Clearinghouse Coordinator, New England Green Alliance, 1988-1991; Clearinghouse Coordinator, New England Green Committees of Correspondence, 1984-1988; Co-Founder, Clamshell Alliance, 1976-1986; New England Representative, Call to Conscience, 1981-1984; Co-Founder, United States Green Party, 1984; Co-Founder, Upper Valley Committee for a Free Southern Africa, 1976-1984; Member, Mass Party Organizing Committee, 1974-1980; Member, American Serviceman's Union, 1972-1978; Co-Founder, Dartmouth Radical Union, 1972-1978; Co-Founder, Granite State Alliance, 1974-1978; Member, New American Movement, 1974-1977; Co-Founder, People's Energy Project, 1974-1976.

Angela Walker (Green), Vice President

Political: Candidate, Vice President of the United States, 2016, 2020.

Professional: Community Campaigns Coordinator, Wisconsin Jobs Now, present; Former Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998; Former Driver, Milwaukee County Transit System.

Education: university of North Florida.

Personal/civic: No information.

Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian), President

Political: Candidate, President of the United States, 2020; Candidate, Vice-President, 1996; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, South Carolina, District 4, 1992.

Professional: Senior Lecturer, Clemson University, 2006-present; President/Owner, Hypertech Incorporated; Founder, Professional Software Incorporated; Founder, Business Consultation Company, 2002; Marketing Representative, International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation, 1980-1983.

Education: PhD, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Clemson University, 2002; MBA, Southern Methodist University, 1980; BS, Psychology, Baylor University, 1979.

Personal/civic: Member, Libertarian Party, 1983-present; National Marketing Director, Libertarian Party; Speaker, Libertarian Party Conventions; Greenville County Chair, South Carolina Libertarian Party; Vice-Chair, South Carolina Libertarian Party.

Jeremy "Spike" Cohen (Libertarian), Vice President

Political: Candidate, Vice-President of the United States, 2020.

Professional: Co-owner, Muddied Waters Media; Host, My Fellow Americans; Co-Host, The Muddied Waters of Freedom; Founder, Web Design Company, 1999.

Education: No information.

Personal/civic: Married.

Declared Write-in Candidates

President R. Boddie, and Eric C. Stoneham

Mark R. Charles (I), and Adrian D. Wallace

Tom Hoefling (I), and Andy Prior (Life, Liberty, Constitution)

M.D. Mitchell (Dirigo Party), and Margaret Mary Bayliss

Kasey J. Wells (I), and Rachel M. Wells



United States Senate

Incumbent Susan Collins (R)

Political: Republican Deputy Whip, United States Senate, 1997-present; Senator, United States Senate, 1997-present; Candidate, United States Senate, Maine, District Sr., 2020; Candidate, Governor of Maine, 1994; Deputy State Treasurer, State of Massachusetts, 1993.

Professional: Former Director, Husson College International and External Exchange Programs; Founding Executive Director, Center for Family Business, Husson College, 1994-1996; New England Regional Director, United States Small Business Administration, 1992-1993; Commissioner, Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, State of Maine, 1987-1992; Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on Oversight Government Management, 1981-1987; Staff, United States Senator William S. Cohen, 1975-1987.

Education: BA, Government, Saint Lawrence University, 1975.

Personal/civic: Married. Member, Bangor Rotary Club, present; Member, Phi Beta Kappa, present; Former Member, Board of Directors, Muskie Institute for Public Policy, University of Southern Maine; Former Trustee, Bridgton Academy; Former Trustee, Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Sara Gideon (D)

Political: Speaker, Maine State House of Representatives, 2016-present; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 48, 2012-present; Vice Chair, Freeport Town Council; Candidate, United States Senate, Maine, District Sr., 2020; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 48, 2018; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Maine State House of Representatives, 2014-2017.

Professional: Former Intern, United States Senator Claiborne Pell; Advertising Account Executive, USA TODAY.

Education: Attended, American University of Paris; BA, International Affairs, George Washington University, 1990-2004.

Personal/civic: Married with three children. Board Member, Board of Freeport Community Services; Board Member, Freeport Economic Development Corporation.

Max Linn (I)

Political: Candidate, United States Senate, 2018; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, 2008; Candidate, Governor, 2006.

Professional: Owner, Financial Management and Planning, 1983-2003.

Education: AA, St. Petersburg Junior College; CFP, College of Financial Planning, 1987; BS, Louisiana Technical Institute, 1983.

Personal/civic: President and founder, Florida Citizens for Term Limits; Director of Planned Giving, Florida Holocaust Museum, 1990s; Director of Operations, Ukrainian Christian Ministry, 2005; Founder, Military Families Foundation, 2004.

Lisa Savage (I)

Political: None.

Professional: Teacher, union negotiator.

Education: BA in history, Bowdoin College, M.Ed, University of Southern Maine.

Personal/civic: Married with five children, four grandchildren.

Declared Write-in Candidates:

Tiffany L. Bond (I)

Political: Candidate, United States House of Representatives, District 2, 2018

Professional: Principal, BrandBond, 2004-present; President, FairTrade Vacations, 2005-2016; Family Law Intern, Maine Supreme Judicial Court, 2012; Law Clerk & Marketing, Jackson MacNichol, 2010; Intern, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, 2008-2010; Intern, Sherman Toppin, 2008-2010; Associate, The Doner Group, 2006-2009.

Education: JD, University of Maine School of Law, 2010-2012; MBA, Drexel University College of Business and Administration, 2009-2010; BA, Marketing, University of Washington, 2006-2008; AB, Business, Cascadia Community College, 2004-2006.

Personal/civic: Chair, ADR Committee, Family Law Section, American Bar Association, 2014-present; Vice Chair, Intellectual Law Committee, American Bar Association (ABA)/TIPS, 2010-present; Member, Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee, American Bar Association (ABA)/TIPS, 2009-present; Member, Digital Eve; Member, Phi Sigma Theta National

Honor Society; President, Greenbrier Homeowners Association, 2003-2016; President, Haiti Aid Network, 2006-2016; Member, Jacmel Chamber of Commerce, 2006-2016; Member, Maine Association of Mediators, 2013-2014.

Ian Kenton Engelman (Facts Matter)

No information available.

Douglas E. Fogg (I)

Political: Selectman for Town of Orrington, 2000-2002.

Professional: Teacher at All Saints Catholic School.

Education: No information available.

Personal/civic: Married with four children.

United States House of Representatives, District 2

Incumbent Jared Golden (D)

Political: Representative, United States House of Representatives, Maine, District 2, 2019-present; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, Maine, District 2, 2020; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 60, 2014-2018; Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Maine State House of Representatives, 2017-2018; Candidate, United States House of Representatives, District 2, 2018.

Professional: Former Employee, International Logistics Industry; Legislative Aide, Maine House Democratic Office, 2013-2014; Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Susan Collins, 2013; Professional Staff Member, United States Senate, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, 2011-2012; Regional Representative, Paxton International, 2011; Intern, Paxton International, 2010; Served, United States Marine Corps Reserve, 2008-2009; Served, United States Marine Corps, 2002-2006.

Education: BA, Politics and History, Bates College, 2007-2011; Attended, University of Maine, Farmington, 2001-2002.

Personal/civic: Married. Volunteer, School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA), 2009.

Dale Crafts (R)

Political: Candidate, United States House of Representatives, Maine, District 2, 2020; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 56, 2008-2017; Alternative Delegate, Republican National Convention, 2008; Council Member, Lisbon Town Council, 2006; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 84, 1998.

Professional: President/Owner, Crafts Self Storage Pre-Owned Auto Sales, 2013-present; President/Owner, Goin' Postal Mailing Center, 2007-present; Owner, C and F Self Storage Incorporated, 2004-present; President/Owner, Crafts Self Storage Incorporated, 1996-present; Co-Owner, Greater Mileage and Beyond Dealership; General Manager, John D. Crafts, Incorporated, 1997-2004; Owner, Crafts Builders Incorporated, 1986; Owner, Crafts Construction Incorporated, 1986; Carpenter, Bath Iron Works, 1979-1981.

Education: Attended, Lisbon High School, 1978.

Personal/civic: Divorced, six children. Sunday School Teacher; Member, National Rifle Association (NRA); Director, Medical Transportation Management, 2008; Vice Chair, Lisbon Republican Party, 1997; County Chair, Christian Coalition, 1996.

Declared Write-in Candidates:

Daniel J. Fowler (D)

No information available.

Timothy Adam Hernandez (D)

No information available.

Henry John Bear (GI)

Political: Representative, Maine House of Representatives, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, 2012-2018; Candidate for Maine House of Representatives, District 144, 2016.

Professional: United States Coast Guard, 15 years; General Dynamics' Bath Iron Works.

Education: University of Maine at Presque Isle; LL, University of New Brunswick, 1990; M.L., University of Southern Maine.

Personal/civic: Married, four children, eight grandchildren. Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee; Tribal Member of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

County Commissioner District 1

Includes Blue Hill and Surry, as well as 17 other towns and 15 townships in Hancock County.

BY JEFFREY B. ROTH

William Clark, Republican, incumbent

William Clark, who was named chair of the Hancock County Commissioners in 2020, began his professional career as an Ellsworth police officer in 1972. From 1981 to 2014, he served as Hancock County Sheriff.

In his position as commissioner, Clark said, "I oppose cutting the sheriff's budget, and I see nothing in the operations of law enforcement, (at least north of Augusta), that leads me to believe they are not getting sufficient training in racial relations, use of force, or community relations."

Clark, who has extensive experience serving in various county government roles, said, "I support the election of the sheriff rather than appointing one."

An advocate of sound financial policies, Clark has said previously that he believes in transparency in conducting county government business by adhering to Maine's right-to-know laws.

"Although management of the county is my top priority," Clark said. "I work diligently on finding ways to provide collaborated services to our municipalities."

A lifelong Hancock County resident, Clark is married to the former Christy Brown of Ellsworth and they have a son and two grandchildren.

Rebecca Wentworth, Democrat

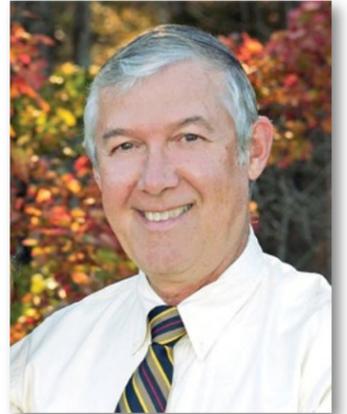
Rebecca Wentworth has years of experience that "have revolved around the duties of community organizing and good citizenship."

As a commissioner, she "would propose a Point of Service process for our community safety which includes the sheriff and other social service agencies, and also have people trained in crisis intervention so that the sheriff's department is not being asked to do things not in their job description."

To accomplish that goal, Wentworth said a "thorough analysis of the budget is necessary so that all functions for community safety are included. Training and education on racial and economic issues could improve the outcomes of sheriff and community relations. I am a proponent of local government and as such do not approve of an appointed sheriff."

Wentworth's top priority, if elected commissioner, is "to increase community involvement with the process of servicing the functions that the county commissioners perform. Equally, the Restorative Justice program that has just begun in Hancock County should continue with commissioner support. This will increase fairness in our Judicial system. Waldo County has a Restorative Justice system for 17 years now that has served the county very well. I feel this program is very important and will become a major resource for our community safety professionals. I want to increase citizen participation in local decisions by organizing forums and using more inclusive means of communication so all opinions and perspectives are heard."

Wentworth, of Blue Hill, serves as vice chair of the Blue Hill Democratic Party, is a self-employed native plant restoration landscape professional and has been involved in many community and social programs.



William Clark.



Rebecca Wentworth.

MAINE STATE SENATE

Senate District 7

Includes Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington, Surry, and 22 other towns in Hancock County.

BY JEFFREY B. ROTH

Brian Langley (R), Hancock

Political: Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 7, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2020; Senator, Maine State Senate, District 7, 2010-2018; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 2008-2010; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, 2008.

Professional: Executive Director, Bridge Academy Maine, 2019-present; Owner, Union River Lobster Pot Restaurant, 1996-present; Culinary Instructor, Hancock County Technical Center, 1981-2008.

Education: Attended, Culinary Arts, Community College of Vermont; Bachelor's, Vocational/Occupational Education, University of Southern Maine; Bachelor's, Restaurant and Food Service Management, Syracuse University, 1989-1995.

Personal/civic: Married with two children. Volunteer, Boy Scout Troop 86, present; Treasurer, Downeast Chapter, American Culinary Federation, present; Board Member, First Congregational Church, present; Former Member, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; Volunteer, Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

Brian Langley, who represented Senate District 7 from 2010 to 2018, hopes to regain the seat he lost in 2018 to incumbent Democrat Senator Louie Luchini.

"The first role of the legislature and the governor is to clearly define and put in place pandemic protocols for the state of Maine," Langley said. "I will put in legislation that would create a task force to conduct this work. It requires the principal players in each industry and a legislative process that will allow for all voices to be heard. Those would include how and when to close businesses and schools, and clearly define the triggers for those protocols to be put in place. We have learned that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate. Maine is a large state with rural and urban areas with unique characteristics. With one to one computing students are able to connect from home. However, a major issue that has risen is student privacy on the internet. Legislation will be required to protect students."

"Having served in the legislature when the state faced a \$1 billion dollar shortfall that was erased over the eight years I served in the Senate, I was involved in the hard decisions that led to our recovery," Langley said. "This is a multifaceted issue that requires a combination of increasing revenues through efforts to help small business recover from the effects of the pandemic, and holding increases to the state budget in check to possible budget cuts. In many cases flat funding is portrayed as a budget cut when in reality the budget was held flat. Maine government will have to consider all options—spending freezes, hiring freezes, early retirements, zero-based budgeting, putting some projects on hold. However, targeted investments in infrastructure such as internet connectivity that allow for people who have recently moved here to telecommute are also part of the solution."

"Public safety is of great importance to the welfare of our citizens," Langley said. "That should be first and foremost. At the same time patient privacy is of equal importance. I would not require the hospitals in this district to provide more complete local information to the general public. There are reporting mechanisms in place already and I don't feel that we are lacking information that the general public needs."

"The best thing the legislature could do would be to help small business get back on its feet so that they are in a position to offer their employees healthcare coverage. Maine has a taxed healthcare system due to the near shutdown of elective procedures during COVID-19. This creates an untenable position for both healthcare providers and for those who have lost their

jobs. I would support efforts to shore up our healthcare system in the short run as the state of Maine recovers. Programs in place already need to be supported before any others can be created. The financial demands on our state coffers will be great."

On climate change, Langley said: "In my tenure in the legislature I served four years on the Marine Resources Committee and six years on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council. The effects of climate change was a topic of great concern. And is of great concern for the communities I represent. Because of my experience in the fisheries I was asked to serve on the 'Commission To Study The Effects Of Coastal And Ocean Acidification And Its Existing And Potential Effects On Species That Are Commercially Harvested And Grown Along The Maine Coast.'"

"My top legislative priorities are in education where I would continue the work I started that has helped Maine students receive over 10,000 free or reduced college credits," Langley added. "I will continue to work to build seamless pathways for students to enter into high-wage, high-demand jobs here in Maine. The groundwork has been laid and with business and industry collaboration our students will see a clear path to a great life here in Maine. Of great importance to me is the lobster industry which has been unfairly treated in the larger right whale debate. There are steps Maine could take, in my opinion, like Alaska, in creating a recognized program for seafood certification that enables an informed choice for procurement of Maine certified seafood. Lastly it is my desire to be a voice for small business that was decimated during COVID-19. Many of our favorite restaurants, hotels, theaters, gyms, etc. may not be able to make it through the winter."

Langley is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine and Syracuse University. For more than 27 years, he taught culinary arts at Hancock County Technical Center, and he is the owner of the Union River Lobster Pot in Ellsworth. Langley and his wife, Jane (Bromley) Langley, have two grown children, David and Sarah.

Incumbent Louie Luchini (D), Ellsworth

Political: Senator, Maine State Senate, District 7, 2018-present; Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 7, 2018, 2020; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 132, 2014-2018; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 132, 2014, 2016; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 38, 2010-2014; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 38, 2010, 2012.

Professional: Coach, Cross-Country Team, Ellsworth High School, present; Professional Athlete, Nike.

Education: Bachelor's, Human Biology, Stanford University.

Personal/civic: Competitor, United States Olympic Trials, Cross-Country, 2004, 2008.

Completing his first term representing Senate District 7, Louie Luchini previously served eight years representing District 132 in the House.

"The legislature needs to take a larger role in decision-making next session," he said, in relation to the state's role in fighting the coronavirus pandemic. "As the federal government debates a stimulus package, state lawmakers and the administration must work with Maine citizens and industries to determine how best to allocate funding. I've supported regionalized approaches to our pandemic response, such as the Rural Reopening Plan, to allow us in rural Maine to reopen sooner with safety precautions than hard hit regions. As local schools have opted for remote learning to various degrees, it's Maine's responsibility to ensure all students have access to the required technology. The pandemic has highlighted our lack of reliable, high speed internet, whether it's for remote learning, working from home, connecting with family or paying bills. Expanding internet access remains a

priority moving forward and presents an opportunity for Maine to build its workforce by capitalizing on the work from home trend."

Luchini said, "Ensuring access to health care is essential, especially during a global pandemic. Last session, Maine expanded access to healthcare to thousands through Medicaid expansion, and we passed strong laws to lower prescription drug costs and eliminate predatory practices in the health care system. As unemployment has grown, Mainers have lost health coverage and we must close that gap. Options include making permanent laws we enacted improving access to telehealth and extending time for prescription refills. As we become more independent in our insurance marketplace under the Affordable Care Act, we can extend special enrollment periods related to job loss and do a better job of marketing available options."

If state budget cuts become necessary to compensate for declining state tax revenues caused by COVID-19 safety restrictions on businesses, Luchini said: "The economic impact of the pandemic has been huge in Maine and across the country. As a whole, Maine government needs to be running as efficiently as possible. Our current, across the board curtailment order is a starting point, and as the legislature begins the difficult process of developing a biennial budget, every department and agency needs to identify areas to create efficiencies, make cuts or find cost savings. This must be a bipartisan process that includes input from Maine citizens and businesses. And just as important, we must also look forward by identifying investments and policies that stimulate economic activity, which will in turn generate revenues."

In relation to climate change and how the legislature should respond, Luchini said: "Climate change is a major issue facing all of us, and it threatens our health, fisheries, and economy. During the legislative session, we made enormous strides on combating climate change—passing bills that failed in previous legislative sessions. Important among that work is expanding Maine's local generation infrastructure with renewable resources like solar. We approved large scale community solar projects, created incentives for selling back to the grid, and set goals for Maine to reduce emissions. Efficiency projects, like weatherization, have a high return on investment, and we can incentivize moves to higher efficiency alternatives like heat pumps. By continuing to expand infrastructure for generation, storage and transportation, we can also capitalize on renewable job growth opportunities."

"To date, Maine remains one of the safest states in the country, and transparency is key to maintaining public confidence in our healthcare system," Luchini said. "Our hospitals and the Maine CDC must balance disclosures on testing with maintaining patient privacy. One area I've worked to improve relates to COVID cases from out-of-state residents. The Maine CDC should better disclose the numbers of nonresident positive tests, giving Mainers a fuller picture of COVID's reach. And perhaps more importantly, the CDC should contact-trace those nonresident positive cases—treating them the same as any Maine positive. This would identify any potential exposure to Maine residents. Working with the governor, we've begun a pilot project on MDI to test this program and hope to expand it moving forward."

Luchini added, "The legislature's major challenge next session will be navigating the pandemic in a way that continues to protect the public health while rebuilding—and strengthening—our economy. Ensuring access to healthcare and lower prescription drug costs is essential to public health. Supporting our small businesses as they weather this storm is paramount. A major focus I've had over the past sessions is building a stronger, modernized Maine economy—one that provides good paying, year round jobs, keeps our young people here and attracts new Mainers. Investing in R&D has proven to yield enormous return on investment, created jobs and build our innovative economy. And of course, this relies on access to high speed internet. Lastly, our lobster fisheries face the biggest threat from over-regulation by the federal government. Maine officials at all levels must work with whoever wins the presidential election to prevent these rules from taking hold."

Luchini, who holds a bachelor's degree in human biology from Stanford University, is a former Nike professional athlete. A graduate of Ellsworth High School, he resides in Ellsworth.



Brian Langley.



Louie Luchini.

Senate District 8

Includes Castine, Penobscot, seven other towns in Hancock County, and several towns in Penobscot County.

BY ELI FORMAN

Incumbent Kim Rosen (R), Bucksport

Political: Senator, Maine State Senate, District 8, 2014-present; Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 8, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020; Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 40, 2004-2012; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 40, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010.

Professional: Former Owner, Finally Kim's; Former Manager, JC Penney Beauty Salon; Former Owner/Operator, Rosen's Department Store.

Education: Attended Kim Rosen. D'Lor Beauty School; attended University of Maine, Orono.

Personal/civic: Married with two children. Board Member, Taylor Foundation, present; Former Board Member, Next Step; Former Board Member, Patawa Club; Former Board Member, Ronald McDonald House; Former State Chair, Women in Government.

Senator Kimberley Rosen currently represents District 8 and seeks a fourth and final two-year term.

A resident of Bucksport, Rosen has owned and managed several small businesses, including a clothing store and a hair salon.

The upcoming legislature will have the daunting task of responding to the economic and social impacts of COVID-19, a process which Rosen says needs to be inclusive and participatory between the governor and the legislature.

Rosen emphasized a consensus between the governor and the legislature as a prerequisite for any proposal to pass into law.

"Both the governor and the legislature can offer proposals and both the governor and the legislature must agree for them to pass," she said.

In terms of healthcare, a major aspect of the state's response to COVID, Rosen sees access and affordability as the primary issues that need to be addressed.

Rosen would seek to "expand risk pools to lower health insurance premiums" and increase insurance affordability, she said.

As the state expects to see lower tax revenues due to a curtailed tourist season and less income tax due to profit losses from the economic impacts of the virus, Rosen said "all options are on the table" in terms of balancing the future state budget, but cautioned that "tax increases that diminish our ability to compete weaken our economy and reduce future revenue to support public services."

Rosen said she would consider a funding reduction for the Maine Intelligence Analysis Center and rescinding tax breaks to corporations for headquarters expansion.

Rosen took a local approach regarding broadband connectivity, suggesting establishing local cooperatives to work on increasing connectivity on a town-by-town basis.

Asked what she would do to expand job training opportunities for Maine citizens, Rosen responded that she would work to support public higher education such as the University of Maine system.

Asked what her top priority in the next legislature would be, Rosen took a personal approach.

"Drawing on my experiences as a small business owner, community volunteer, mother and grandmother," Rosen said she would seek "to be a strong voice for our region...to continue building consensus for real solutions."

Beverly Uhlenhake (D), Brewer

Political: Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 8, 2018, 2020; Mayor, City of Brewer, 2018-2019; City Councilor, City of Brewer, 2013-2019; Mayor, City of Brewer, 2015-2016.

Professional: Broker, Epstein Commercial Real Estate, 2004-present; Director of Development, OHI,

2003-2004; Executive Director, Bangor Humane Society, 2000-2003; Residence Life Coordinator, University of Maine, 1997-2000.

Education: MS, Professional Studies in Education (Higher Education Administration), Iowa State University, 1994-1997; BA, German, Ohio State University, 1990-1994.

Personal/civic: Married with three children. Board of Trustees Member, Brewer High School, present; Member/Formal President, Brewer Rotary Club, present.

Beverly Uhlenhake, a former Brewer City Council member, served two terms as mayor of Brewer and currently works in commercial real estate in the Bangor area.

The next legislature will undoubtedly face unique challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis, and as a prospective Senator, Uhlenhake believes in the importance of making swift, decisive and informed decisions to craft a unified state response to the social and economic impacts of the virus.

Partisan bickering resulting in political gridlock is "the last thing our state needs right now," she says.

An integral part of this process includes expanding and ensuring access to healthcare for all Mainers, says Uhlenhake.

For Uhlenhake, this involves addressing short term health insurance losses due to loss of employment, ensuring Mainers have better access to preventive care and keeping rural hospitals open.

"An ounce of prevention is so much cheaper than a pound of cure," she said.

With a steep decline in sales and income tax revenue expected at the state level, "we need to start talking about what our budget is going to be over the next two to four years," said Uhlenhake.

Drawing on her experience "as a business person," Uhlenhake suggests looking at how organizations have found ways to be "nimble" throughout the pandemic and mimicking that at the state level.

She strongly believes increasing taxes should be avoided at all costs, and suggests looking at occupancy costs and consulting with "the folks closest to the budget" to talk about what needs to happen.

"My biggest point is, we need to be starting now," says Uhlenhake.

Locally, Uhlenhake sees expanding broadband access as a critical necessity thrown into even starker relief by COVID.

She believes the state should do "everything possible, period" to increase broadband connectivity in rural areas, citing rural students losing access to their education because they can't connect virtually to their classrooms as an unacceptable situation.

Furthermore, said Uhlenhake, the current lack of connectivity in many rural towns has the potential to depress needed economic growth by discouraging remote workers from moving to the district, which could provide a larger tax base and increase jobs throughout the region as more people build and renovate houses.

"We need to do whatever we can to keep that," she said.

On a similar note, Uhlenhake supports expanding job training opportunities for Mainers through investing in community college programs that "train to jobs necessary to today's workforce."

Another element of this, says Uhlenhake, is addressing the ongoing opioid crisis by making sure resources are readily available for those seeking addiction help.

Asked what her top priority in the next legislature would be, Uhlenhake said the state budget.

For her, that means restoring civility to Maine politics by not allowing partisan politics to get in the way of good decision making, avoiding raising taxes and scrutinizing the consequences of every action to ensure no unintended consequences result.

It also means getting down to business.

"We've agreed to come together to make the best decisions for Maine's people," said Uhlenhake, adding, "that starts with showing up now."



Beverly Uhlenhake.

Senate District 12

Includes Isle au Haut and 18 other towns in Knox County.

BY LESLIE LANDRIGAN

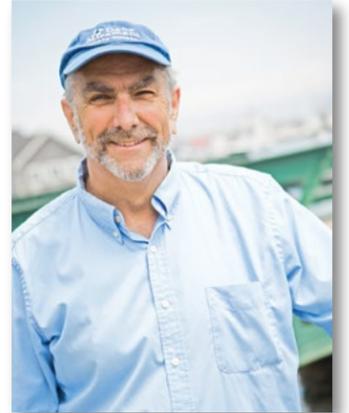
Incumbent Dave Miramant (D), Camden

Political: Senator, Maine State Senate, District 12, 2014-present; Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 12, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020; State Representative, Maine House of Representatives, District 46, 2006-2008; Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 22, 2008; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 46, 2004, 2006; Selectboard Member, Town of Camden, 2000-2003.

Professional: Owner/Glider Pilot, Spirit Soaring Glider Rides, 2005-present; Captain, Delta Airlines, 1985-2005; Co-owner, Tufulios Restauraunt, 1987-1997; Pilot, Bar Harbor Airlines, 1983-1984.

Education: BA, Biology, University of Maine at Farmington, 1980

Personal/civic: Married with two children. Volunteer, The Community School, 2002-present; Member, Camden Personnel Committee, present; Member, Air Line Pilots Association; Member, Bar Harbor Pilot Association; Personnel Board, City of Camden, 2005-2008; Founding Board Member, Midcoast Boys to Men Conference, 2005; Founding Member, Maine Coast Men, 1990-2002.



Dave Miramant.

Gordon Page (R), Owls Head

Political: Select Board Member, Town of Owls Head, Maine, 2018-present; Candidate, Maine State Senate, District 12, 2020.

Professional: Ex Officio Member, Rockland Economic Development Advisory Committee, present; Former Vice President,

Knox County Firefighters Association; Former Board Member, Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce; Executive Director, Rockland Main Street, Incorporated, 2014-2020; Principal, Gordon V. Page Sr. Marketing - Public Relations, 1996-2019; Vice President/Passenger Operations Director/Passenger Marketing Director, Maine Eastern Railroad, 2006-2013; Marketing Director, Liberty Hospital of Maine, 2004-2006; Vice President/General Sales Manager, Mariner Broadcasting Corporation/Nassau Broadcasting Commission, 1998-2004; New England Region Director of Marketing, Frontiervision Cable, 1996-1998; Sales and Marketing Vice President/General Sales Manager, Rockland Radio Corporation, 1992-1996; Local Sales Manager, Megunticook Gramophone Company, 1991-1992; Quality Assurance and Product Integrity Manager, National Sea Products, 1972-1990.

Education: No information available.

Personal/civic: Member, DuPont Nutrition Community Advisory Panel, Rockland, present; Board Member, Thomaston Solid Waste Corporation, present; Former Member, Dragon Products Community Advisory Panel, Thomaston; Former President, Kiwanis Club of Rockland; Former Board Member, Knox County Airport Public Advisory Committee; Former Board Member/Development Committee Chair, Maine Lighthouse Museum; Founding Member, Maine Motorcoach Network; Former Trustee/Treasurer, New England District of Kiwanis; Former Member, Owls Head Planning Board; Former Board Member, Penobscot Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross; Former Member, Rockland Quality Main Street Advisory Board; Former President, Rockland:



Gordon Page.

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Share the Pride Association; Former President, Rockland-Thomaston Area Chamber of Commerce; Former Lieutenant Firefighter/Training Officer, South Thomaston Fire Department; Founder, UkesROCK.

What are the roles of the legislature and governor in crafting further state responses to the coronavirus pandemic? Be specific, especially about education.

Miramant: Unfortunately, the Legislature isn't very involved, because the governor is maintaining her central role in responding to the pandemic, and she is not required to consult us since we adjourned on March 17. I think we should all work together, but she likes the role of doing it herself.

I would like to see her call us back into session, but that being said, she's doing a good job, and I do give her high marks for how she's handled the pandemic.

Page: The most important thing at this time is to bring the Legislature back into session. For too long, the governor has been allowed to make all the decisions with little or no input from the House or the Senate. Too many policies and decisions related to COVID-19 have been made in a vacuum by the executive and her staff. The Legislature should be able to contribute in a bipartisan manner based on information from their respective districts. Fortunately, school districts around the state have been able to manage their own systems that work for their respective municipalities and student populations.

What specifically should the legislature do to expand health care access for Mainers?

Miramant: I am a universal nationwide single-payer person. In lieu of that, we have a group, Maine AllCare, that's working on a Maine-only solution to spend existing health care dollars on covering all Maine residents. At some point they will give us a report, and I expect a Maine-based solution. [If Joe Biden is elected], he has some fixes, maybe some expanded Medicare. That's great.

I think anything we do, to be successful, will require cost control. I looked into most of the countries that have universal health insurance and those systems are managed for a maximum of 8 cents of every dollar we spend. The market we have in this country is managed by for-profit insurance companies that take up to 28 cents of every health care dollar before that dollar has the chance to help the people who need services.

I'll support any system that is fair and that covers everyone.

Page: I am committed to increasing access to affordable health care by supporting innovation like telemedicine and a multi-tier payment system that allows the patient and his or her provider to make decisions. Health care costs should be at least partly paid for by the recipient so that those costs do not put additional burdens on the rest of the taxpayers.

In light of declining state tax revenues caused by business restrictions imposed as part of virus safety measures, what are your specific priorities on where cuts should be made?

Miramant: We have been reviewing where revenue

will fall short, what we will get for aid from the Fed, and where that will leave us. This year's fiscal year is done, and next year won't be too bad. It's the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year that will be challenging. The governor asked for all agencies and departments to consider a 10 percent curtailment of their budgets so we will be ready with that information.

There are unfilled positions, some of which are not necessary during the emergency. These were budgeted for when things were booming, but that money can be used elsewhere for now. So cutting at the state government level will be first along with hoping for some additional aid from Washington.

Starting this process now will have us ready to act as soon as we are back in session in the 130th Legislature in January.

As we eased restrictions on tourism, we did have many people coming in at the end of summer and into the fall. This should help the businesses that were open and will help our budget.

We need comprehensive tax reform in the state, because we tax regressively. Overhauling our tax policy to make it more fair could save most Mainers money while allowing our visitors to pay more of their fair share. We need to do that immediately in January.

Page: Every program that involves spending needs to be closely reviewed. One example is a proposal by the governor and the Department of Health and Human Services for a program that would cost \$6 million to provide automobiles to certain Maine families for a fraction of the investment hard-working Mainers pay to own and maintain personal vehicles.

What is your position on the need for and siting of offshore wind farms?

Miramant: They're wonderful! We could solve all Maine's energy needs if we did it with offshore wind in an eight-mile-by-eight-mile plot. The University of Maine-designed windmills are not fixed to the ocean floor; they are anchored. You can fish right up to the windmills, so not much bottom is lost. The structures are offshore where nobody can see or hear them. In Scandinavia, they planted offshore windmills 50 years ago. Birds developed new migratory patterns quickly, which was an initial concern. The University of Maine Engineering Department developed a design that can be built by Maine people, can use local resources for construction, and will create good paying jobs to put the windmills in place and maintain them. If we spread them out, we wouldn't disrupt any part of the fishery. A lot of our energy needs could be met with those 64 square miles of windmills, but since more of our needs are being met by solar, it doesn't even have to be that large. I'm a big proponent: I'd go tow them out there right now if I could. However, I didn't like the fast-tracking with the onshore windmills because it made people feel their communities didn't have a chance to speak up.

Page: I am in favor of exploring alternative energy projects that don't interfere with the well-being and livelihoods of hard-working Mainers who earn their income from the sea. Plans for such projects need to be able to demonstrate well in advance their benefit for the greater good, and should not impose undue financial hardships on Maine taxpayers.

What can you do as a legislator to help fishermen adapt to the increasing government rules and restrictions and to cut through red tape to get support and benefits?

Miramant: The benefits are usually federal. As soon as I hear about any benefit for our fishing families, I get my staff to find out how we get folks this money, since dealing with federal program applications can be challenging. We make sure the information about the programs reaches everyone who can benefit by using all the media outlets and direct mail to licensees. We also coordinate with U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree and U.S. Sen. Angus King. We just shepherd the whole thing through to make sure they can get the benefit.

Page: Although I have never been a commercial fisherman, I worked in Massachusetts and Maine for 18 years in the [frozen] seafood industry for a company that employed trawlers in Canada. I started at a young age as a forklift operator in cold storage warehouses, managed production lines and was the director of quality assurance and product integrity at the time the National Sea Products [HighLiner Foods] facility in Rockland closed down in 1990. There is far too much regulation on the fishing industry. We need to work closely with our congressional delegation in Washington to ensure that the federal government is not imposing unnecessary requirements on Maine fishermen to solve problems that don't exist. We also need to ensure that the Maine Department of Marine Resources continues to act as a responsible partner with our fishing industry in an effort to manage the fishery, provide support when necessary and to reduce the time and effort necessary to receive financial assistance during a down economy, COVID-19 or otherwise.

What is your top legislative priority in the next legislature? Be specific with details.

Miramant: I'm passionate about protecting our environment, keeping island air clean and protecting our water.

Also, fair taxation and this income inequality that keeps growing while the 1 percent doesn't pay taxes, corporations don't pay taxes—it's a slap in the face to working people who can't pay the rent.

Page: There are many areas of concern that affect all Mainers, but the highest priority is to get a handle on the state budget and to do everything we can to hold the line on taxes and fees. More specific to our collective coastal connection, our Senate District 12, (all of Knox County except for Washington), [consists] of 19 municipalities, six of which are islands—Isle au Haut, Criehaven Township, Matinicus Isle Plantation, Muscle Ridge Islands Township, North Haven and Vinalhaven. Almost all of the District 12 mainland communities are located on Penobscot Bay. Among other matters that will be important to focus on are the mitigation of, and preparation for, sea level rise due to climate change. As it relates to island communities specifically, safe, reliable and affordable transportation is critical and we need to do everything possible to sustain the Maine State Ferry Service and essential air service.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3



MAINE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House District 131

Includes Dedham, Orland, Otis, Penobscot, Verona Island, Prospect, and Stockton Springs.

BY ELI FORMAN

Incumbent Sherm Hutchins (R), Penobscot

Political: Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 131, 2018-present; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 131, 2020; Candidate, Maine House of Representatives, District 37, 2012.

Professional: Ran construction company in Penobscot for 25 years and currently serves as building manager for Wilson Museum.

Education: Attended Southern Maine Technical College.

Personal/civic: Married with three children.

Rep. Sherm Hutchins **Sherm Hutchins.** currently represents

House District 131. A former Penobscot selectmen and member of the Hancock County Planning Commission, Hutchins is a long-standing moderator of several town meetings and serves as the building manager for the Wilson Museum in Castine.

As a prospective member of the next legislature, Hutchins hopes to get back to work as soon as possible.

He believes that the legislature should play a prominent role in developing a response to alleviate the economic and social consequences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and cites his "disappointment" that the governor has not called the legislature back to fulfill that role.

"We should have been able to have more of an impact in what the governor was doing," he said.

In terms of healthcare, inevitably a crucial aspect of the state's response to COVID, Hutchins believes that bringing down costs for prescription drugs, along with patient education and healthy competition between hospitals will help expand options for Maine citizens.

Hutchins cites "knowing what the costs are upfront" as a crucial tool to help patients decide between different hospitals and doctors.

He also hopes to see the "elimination of a lot of extreme rules" stemming from the Affordable Care Act which, according to Hutchins, results in extra time and costs for hospitals, which in turn drive up medical costs for patients.

Faced with declining state tax revenues due to the economic impacts of COVID, Hutchins hopes to "take a butcher knife" to the "almost one billion of extra spending" passed by the previous legislature and "put the brakes on" future spending.

According to Hutchins, he and many of his similarly minded colleagues in the House of Representatives that were initially opposed to spending increases are hopeful that their voices will be heard in the next legislative session.

Broadband connectivity remains a major issue for rural Mainers, requiring many rural residents to drive to their local libraries or schools to functionally access the internet, said Hutchins.

Hutchins hopes that towns can figure out ways to more effectively plug their communities into current broadband networks serving schools and libraries, citing the often prohibitive costs of installing miles of new wires for few residents.

While he recognizes the economic and social importance of high speed internet connectivity for rural towns, Hutchins feels that "taxes shouldn't be raised" on everyone for the sake of a minority who wish to have faster internet connections.

Asked about expanding job training opportunities for Mainers, Hutchins points to the declining program offerings in technical and trade schools across the state as an area that needs immediate support.

As older teachers retire, says Hutchins, few qualified individuals who also have teaching certificates are available to take their place.

A graduate of Southern Maine Technical College, Hutchins said he has seen first hand how these programs give students the opportunity to launch suc-



cessful careers, often staying in Maine, citing supporting these programs as crucial to helping Maine retain its young workforce.

Hutchins points to six recent pieces of legislation that he worked on that would allow qualified individuals to teach technical programs without certificates, and laments that all were voted down due to what he referred to as partisan orthodoxy.

"It's just an absolute crime that a state union has so much power that nobody in the Democratic party can vote against them," he said.

Asked what his top legislative priority would be going forward, Hutchins responded that he has always sought to increase opportunities for young people to stay and be successful in Maine.

For Hutchins, that revolves around keeping taxes low and increasing job opportunities.

"I'm optimistic that we're going to attack these things and do a good job with it," said Hutchins.

Veronica Magnan (D), Stockton Springs

Political: Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, 2008-2010.

Professional: Grant writer, 2000-present; political consultant, 2000-present; Curator of Collections, Stockton Springs Historical Society, present; elementary school teacher, principal, Ella Risk School; Experience, Federal Programs Coordinator; Principal, M.I. Robertson; Principal, Beatrice Rafferty School, 1998-1999; Writer, 1997-1998; Superintendent, Moosabec Community School District, 1995-1997; Superintendent, School Union 103, 1995-1997.

Education: BA, History/Sociology/Anthropology; Rhode Island College EdD, Boston University; MEd, Rhode Island College.

Personal/civic: Married with two children. School Board Member, Maine School Administrative District #56, 2000-present; Member, Congregational Church; Scholarship Chairperson, Ladies Aid Society of the Sandy Point; Member, Sandy Point Community Club; Volunteer, Penobscot Marine Museum, 2002-2004; Member, America Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1998-2000; Member, Maine Principals Association, 1998-2000; Member, National Association of Indian Educators, 1998-2000; Member, Maine Superintendent's Association, 1995-1997.

A resident of Stockton Springs, Veronica Magnan represented Maine House District 41 from 2008 to 2010. She has also been a curator of the Stockton Springs Historical Society and was formerly principal of the Beatrice Rafferty School on the Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation in Pleasant Point.

Numerous attempts to interview Magnan were unsuccessful.



Veronica Magnan.

House District 133

Includes Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Sedgwick, and Surry.

BY ELI FORMAN

Incumbent Sarah Pebworth (D), Blue Hill, no opponent

Political: Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 133, 2018-present; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 133, 2020.

Professional: Former Employee, Down East Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Network; Former Employee, Goose Cove Lodge; Former Waitress, Left Bank; Former Employee, Penobscot Bay Press; Bartender, Deep Water Brew Pub, 2017-2018; Bartender/Hostess, Aragosta, 2016; Owner/Innkeeper, Blue Hill Inn, 2007-2015; Board Member, Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, 2007-2012; Project Manager, National Evaluation System Incorporated,

1994-2007.

Education: BA, English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000-2002; MA, Education, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 1983-1988.

Personal/civic: Partner. Board President, Blue Hill Public Library, 2012-present; Member of the Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, present.

Elected as House District 133 representative in 2018, Sarah Pebworth is running unopposed for reelection. A former board member of the Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Pebworth also served on the board of the Blue Hill library and has been involved in other community activities.

"It is critical that the legislature and governor work together so that we can minimize the financial impact of the shut down, ensure public health measures are in place and are effective in reducing further spread, and stimulate the economy as we craft a balanced budget," Pebworth said. "Access to healthcare, especially preventive healthcare such as cancer screenings, is important for everyone. Ensuring that Mainers are able to receive medical care before health issues become emergencies saves people and their families stress and higher bills.

"For those without insurance, emergency room visits are the most expensive. With the expanded MaineCare, more than 30,000 Mainers were able to access mental health care and more than 12,000 were able to access substance abuse treatment, in addition to thousands accessing preventive care. Telehealth is an important component in Maine's healthcare system, and we should continue to ensure our providers have few barriers to licensing. We have to continue to ensure our rural health centers have adequate funding. Staffing shortages continue to be addressed by collaborations with colleges and universities."

In response to declining state tax revenues due to the coronavirus, Pebworth said: "When we look at which states recovered from the 2008 recession most robustly, it becomes clear that making deep budget cuts does not fuel the economy. It will be critical that we tighten our belts and look for savings within the budget but also that we don't cut services that are critical to our communities. We can't ask our schools or municipalities to bear the burden and we can't risk slowing the recovery of working class Mainers or of small business owners, including our fishermen. A combination of federal relief funds, a fairer state tax system that looks to those who can most afford to pay a bit more, and the Legislature—Democrats, Republicans, and independents working together to make the tough decisions on making cuts—will help Maine survive this downturn."

Broadband has been identified as a needed part of the digital infrastructure on the Blue Hill Peninsula. Pebworth said broadband is important to business, schools, government, nonprofits and to residents.

"Getting access to good broadband is a key priority," she said. "We know we need it now more than ever for education, telehealth, and working from home. The next steps are not cheap. ConnectME and FAME, through granting opportunities and loan programs, help facilitate private-public partnerships so that less-profitable geographic areas such as those in our communities can have improved access. We must expand and continue funding these initiatives."

In terms of jobs, Pebworth said: "The state of Maine has worked hard to encourage opportunities that work for Mainers, e.g., online certificate programs, free tuition for many classes, college programs that require three years of schooling rather than the traditional four. How can we help pair students and trainees with the opportunities? How do we market what is available to those who could best take advantage of it? How can we fold nontraditional students into structures already in place? How can we fund and expand the programs that are already oversubscribed? These and similar questions were being explored pre-coronavirus shutdown and are even more important today. The State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy outlines



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many specifics that we must fund ([maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov/decd/files/inline-files/DECD_120919_sm.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/decd/sites/maine.gov/decd/files/inline-files/DECD_120919_sm.pdf).)”

“The Legislature has over 200 bills that were on the schedule to be finished this term,” Pebworth said. “As we haven’t returned to Augusta to finish that work, those bills will die. They represent much bipartisan hard work and most had been informed by public testimony. Reintroducing those bills, to capture that effort and not let that work go to waste, is one of my top priorities. Further, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations identified 26 of those bills as key for combating racial disparities in Maine. Having worked on the legislative subcommittee that looked at bills through a lens of racial and social justice, I know the importance of this legislation and will work hard to get it passed ([maine.gov/labor/pcrit/reports/2020_LegReport.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/labor/pcrit/reports/2020_LegReport.pdf).)”

House District 134

Includes Deer Isle, Stonington, Isle au Haut, Cranberry Isles, Frenchboro, Marshall Island Township, North Haven, Southwest Harbor, Swan’s Island, Tremont, and Vinalhaven.

BY LESLIE LANDRIGAN

Incumbent Genevieve McDonald (D), Stonington, no opponent

Political: Representative, Maine State House of Representatives, District 134, 2018-present; Candidate, Maine State House of Representatives, District 134, 2020.

Professional: Substitute Teacher, Deer Isle-Stonington, 2014-present; Captain, F/V *Hello Darlin’ II*, 2008-present.

Education: BA, University Studies, University of Maine, 2018.

Personal/civic: Married with two children. Lobster Advisory Council Member, Maine Commercial Fishing Safety Council, 2014-present; Downeast Region Representative, Maine Lobster Advisory Council, 2014-present; Member, Maine Lobster Leadership Institute, 2014-present.



Genevieve McDonald.

What are the roles of the legislature and governor in crafting further state responses to the coronavirus pandemic? Be specific, especially about education.

McDonald: In collaboration with the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maine Department of Education and superintendents across the state, the governor was able to develop a plan to keep our students safe and still able to continue their education. The executive and legislative branches are independent and co-equal, and I expect the Legislature will bring additional ideas to the table.

What specifically should the Legislature do to expand health care access for Mainers?

McDonald: I support universal health care and if the federal government fails to act, the creation of a public option in Maine with rates that individuals and small businesses can afford. I also support expanding telehealth in an effort to reduce costs and increase access for services that may not require an in-person visit.

In light of declining state tax revenues caused by business restrictions imposed as part of virus safety measures, what are your specific priorities on where cuts should be made?

McDonald: Our budget shortfall is a formidable challenge. The 186 members of the Legislature use a robust public process to scrutinize budgetary proposals before committing to specific policies. Responding to this current challenge should be no different.

What is your position on the need for and siting of offshore wind farms?

McDonald: The State of Maine has established ambitious renewable energy goals. The appropriate siting of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine will require a robust stakeholder engagement process. I do not expect offshore wind to be sited in this region, as the power grid to support these efforts only exists in southern Maine.

What can you do as a legislator to help fishermen adapt to the increasing government rules and restrictions and to cut through red tape to get support and benefits?

McDonald: For nearly a decade I have served as a source of information about the discussions and processes taking place that impact our marine resources. As a member of the Maine Legislature I have the opportunity to help shape opportunities for the industry and will continue to advocate for the fisheries.

What is your top legislative priority in the next Legislature? Be specific with details.

McDonald: The pandemic has exposed weaknesses and strengths within our government. My priority in the 130th Legislature is to address these weaknesses, such as we found in the computer system of the Maine Department of Labor. And to build upon our strengths, an example being sustaining increased public participation through remote access.



Vote in honor of a veteran

Maine’s Vote in Honor of a Veteran program was created by former Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky as a “Promote the Vote” initiative for the 2000 General Election. Because of the program’s popularity, as well as the events of September 11, 2001, and their aftermath, the program continues. It offers two unique ways for individuals to recognize the military service of a friend or relative.

The Book: *Maine Remembers Those Who Served* is a collection of tributes to veterans. Covering over 250 years, the book chronicles the contributions of servicemen and women in all branches of the military, celebrates their selfless dedication and commitment to military service, and honors the legacy of their defense of democracy.

Now available online, *Maine Remembers Those Who Served* serves as a special way to honor a veteran.

The collection shows appreciation for all who helped preserve our freedoms, including our right to vote. It is our way of saying “thank you.” New tributes can now be added to the book’s online version at [maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/veteran/toc](https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/veteran/toc).

The Button: “I’m voting in Honor of a Veteran” is personalized with the name of a veteran the voter wants to recognize for his or her sacrifices to ensure our important freedoms, including the right to vote. In 2000, over 10,000 citizens honored someone who had served, or is serving, in the military. Maine voters paid tribute to a grandfather or grandmother, father or mother, brother or sister, son or daughter, husband or wife, or a neighbor, friend or fellow veteran.

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