

#### Democratic candidates:

- Adam Cote
- Mark Dion
- Mark Eves
- Janet Mills
- Diane Russell
- Betsy Sweet [clean elections]

Positions without citations were sent to Ben Chin over email, or are broadly represented throughout several social media posts.

#### Education

- [Betsy Sweet](#): one year of community service in exchange for tuition-free education at a four year college or university in Maine.
- Mark Eves: supports tuition free community college for all Maine residents.
- Sean Faircloth: supports making minimum teacher pay at \$40,000/ year; free tuition for one year for college, with public service and a 2.75 GPA; supports stand up for students surcharge on the wealthy.
- Fully funding public school: [Adam Cote](#) (voted for the Question 2 referendum), Mark Eves (include supportive of the Stand Up for Students plan to pay for it)
- Universal Pre K: [Adam Cote](#), [Mark Dion](#)
- Jim Boyle: supports early childhood quality and safety standards legislation (FB 2/6/18).
- [Adam Cote](#): supports more resources for skills training, apprenticeship programs, and has more ideas coming soon.

#### Energy/Climate Change

- Jim Boyle: Testified in support of [LD 1686](#) on January 11, a bill that would strengthen solar energy in Maine. High priority issue. BDN Op-ed (10/18/17), Beacon Podcast (10/26/17). Support scientific approach to countering climate-deniers and adapting to climate change (FB 12/29/17 & 1/26/18). Supports Clean Power Plan (FB 1/10/18). Has worked as an environmental consultant on renewable energy projects in Maine. Make Maine's electric generation 100% renewable by 2030 and eliminate ALL fossil fuel use in Maine by 2040 (including transportation and home heating).
- [Adam Cote](#): [Wants Maine to be at 100% renewable energy in 10 years](#). opposition to Governor LePage's hostility towards offshore and onshore wind, and support for pro-solar policies similar to those in Massachusetts (and submitted by Speaker Gideon). Was honored as one of 12 "[Champions of Change](#)" for work on climate and veterans issues by President Obama.
- Mark Eves supported the idea of Maine becoming 100% renewable, though without a timeframe, on Facebook on Dec 18th, 2017.
- Against offshore drilling: pretty much all the Democrats.

- Diane Russell: supports signing onto the US Climate Alliance, essentially having ME join the Paris climate accord, named 2018 Clean Energy candidate from [ThinkProgress](#) (Facebook October 25). Supports a higher [renewal portfolio standard](#).
- Mark Eves: member and leader in the US Climate Alliance, opposes the Governor's moratorium on wind, supportive of legislation to develop solar energy.
- Sean Faircloth: Supports making Maine a 100% renewable energy state, EnergySmart expansion, ending offshore drilling.

#### Health Care

- Supporters of single payer: Mark Eves, Patrick Eisenhart, Sean Faircloth, Diane Russell, and Betsy Sweet. (Lewiston Resistance Rising event, and [Kennebec Dems forum](#)), [Adam Cote](#). Janet Mills favors updating the Mathematica study.
- Supportive of Medicaid Expansion, with no caveats or privatization schemes: all the Democrats.
- Sean Faircloth: supports Sen. Jackson's bill to reduce prescription drug costs.

#### Immigration

- Supportive of the DREAM Act: Mark Eves (Facebook January 31, 2018), Jim Boyle, Adam Cote.
- People making broad statements of support: [Mark Dion](#), [Steve Deangelis](#), Jim Boyle, Adam Cote.
- Sean Faircloth: supports municipal immigrant integration center (Facebook February 1).
- At the Lewiston Resistance Rising event, all candidates expressed support for municipal immigrant integration centers.

#### Infrastructure:

- Sean Faircloth: bonding for roads and bridges, \$100 million internet bond
- People supportive of [Buy America bill](#): Sean Faircloth; Adam Cote, Mark Dion, Mark Eves, Janet Mills mostly supportive with some qualifications.

#### #metoo

- Adam Cote [tweet](#) in support
- Diane Russell support of the movement + petition for the Equal Rights Amendment (December 6, 2017).
- Most candidates at women's marches, supportive of equal pay

#### Net Neutrality

- Adam Cote: supportive [tweet](#).
- Janet Mills: supportive lawsuit (Facebook on December 15).
- Sean Faircloth
- Jim Boyle: supports net neutrality.

#### Ranked Choice Voting

- [Adam Cote](#): supportive of the measure, and wants the legislature to fund implementation.
- Jim Boyle: opposed the legislative repeal of the referendum (Facebook October 24, 2017).
- Janet Mills: supports the people's veto and wants to submit a constitutional amendment (Facebook February 1).
- Diane Russell (Facebook February 3): very supportive, leader in campaign, willing to sue to support the ballot measure.
- Betsy Sweet (Facebook February 5): supportive of the measure passed by voters.
- Sean Faircloth: supports ranked choice voting.

#### Reproductive Justice

- Supportive of Roe v. Wade, Planned Parenthood, and against new funding cuts: [Adam Cote](#)
- Expanding abortion access: Janet Mills [bill this year](#); Jim Boyle supportive of the policy; Sean Faircloth also supports nurse practitioners ability to perform abortions, particularly in rural communities.

#### Substance Use Disorder/ Criminal Justice Reform

- [Candidates that disapprove of LePage foot-dragging](#) on getting the life-saving overdose medication, Naloxone, available over-the-counter at pharmacies.
  - Republicans: Garrett Mason and Mike Thibodeau. (Mary Mayhew and Shawn Moody did not respond to comments.)
  - Democrats: Janet Mills, Mark Dion, and Diane Russell. Jim Boyle expressed dismay on his Facebook page (January 10, 2018). Adam Cote [tweeted](#) opposition to the increased age limit for purchasing over-the-counter Naloxone.
- [Adam Cote](#): declare a state of emergency, emphasize out of state treatment programs over an arrest/criminalization approach, and support access to naloxone and medication-assisted treatment.
- [Mark Dion](#): supporting community treatment options, restorative justice, reduction of employment barriers for violent crimes.
- Mark Eves: regular supporter of access to medication assisted therapy in the legislature and Health and Human Services committee, also increased support for people in long term recovery, access to naloxone over the counter.
- Marijuana legalization: Mark Dion, Diane Russell, Sean Faircloth.
- Janet Mills [op-ed](#)--ten point plan for treatment, coordination, targeted action, etc... [Op-ed](#) around opioid policy, particularly supporting drug courts, and the County. Supports felony charges for [opioid possession](#).
- Sean Faircloth: eliminate mandatory minimums, create a path to expunge the record for all marijuana-related, non-violent, and non-child-related drug crimes; 90 milligram/day cap on prescriptions; increased and extended coverage for physical therapy. Naloxone available over the counter and to people under the age of 21. Expand rural treatment,

allow access to prescription trends, opposes increased criminal penalties for drug crimes.

- Jim Boyle: Supports increased access to treatment (FB 1/9/18), naloxone (multiple)
- Jim Boyle, Adam Cote, Patrick Eisenhart, Mark Eves, Diane Russell, and Betsy Sweet all supported elimination of mandatory minimums for drug possession (Lewiston Resistance Rising Event).

#### Taxes:

- [Stand up for students tax on the wealthy to fund education](#): Janet Mills did not support the surcharge when asked about it at the Associated General Contractors debate, while Mark Eves and Mark Dion said they did (January 31). Adam Cote did vote for the surcharge ballot measure.
- Opposition to state tax cuts for the wealthy:
  - Jim Boyle: Supported the Stand Up for Students 3% surcharge on the wealthy to fund public education (Facebook November 29, 2017).
  - [Adam Cote](#): opposition in general to recent state tax cuts for the wealthy.. Also, support for fully funding revenue sharing.
- Sean Faircloth: increased revenue sharing to decrease property taxes, supports stand up for students surcharge on the wealthy.
- Opposition to the federal tax cuts for the wealthy
  - Jim Boyle: Facebook December 19, 2017
  - Adam Cote [tweet](#).
  - Mark Eves: Facebook December 12, 2017.
- Increasing taxes on the wealthy:
  - [Diane Russell](#): reinstate the education surcharge on the wealthy.
  - Patrick Eisenhart, Mark Eves, Diane Russell, Betsy Sweet supported raising taxes on the wealthy at the Lewiston Resistance Rising event.

#### Tribal sovereignty

- Adam Cote: [supports tribal sovereignty](#).
- Janet Mills: [opposition](#) to Penobscot claims to Penobscot river.
- Sean Faircloth: supports restoring 2010 and 2011 special relationship executive order
- Jim Boyle: supports tribal sovereignty, supports eliminating native American names as sports mascots.

Universal family care: Patrick Eisenhart, Mark Eves, Diane Russell, and Betsy Sweet, Sean Faircloth support.

#### Worker rights

- Janet Mills: support of organized labor in Janus v AFSCME (Facebook Jan 24).
- [Diane Russell](#): paid sick days, and collective bargaining rights.
- Sean Faircloth: \$15/hr minimum wage by 2023, "workplace retirement for all," paid family and medical leave.

- Jim Boyle: consistent voting record in Senate in opposition to “right-to-work” bills. Supported minimum wage referendum. Oppose “training wage”. Supports unions (AFL-CIO Annual Meeting - FB 10/12/2017)
- Paid Family and Medical Leave: supported by Patrick Eisenhart, Mark Eves, Diane Russell, and Betsy Sweet.
- [Adam Cote](#): supports US re-negotiation of NAFTA, pursuing more Trade Adjustment Assistance and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Funding, and other ways to connect workers with new job opportunities.

#### Other

- [Diane Russell](#): reform the DNC’s superdelegate rules, support for a state bank, explicit supporter for transgender rights.
- Sean Faircloth: R&D tax credit, innovative Maine Competition (based on Bangor Innovative Neighborhoods Competition), Maine Leaders Scholarship (\$5000 each, 400 scholars/year); “internet nomads to Maine residents conversion program”; Cardiff hospital crime analysis; pledge for half his cabinet to be women, supports forensic cyber investigator.
- Jim Boyle: Support innovation, entrepreneurship, rural economy (FB 11/29/17, 12/1/17, 12/6/17, 1/2/17, 1/31/17)

Clarification around Mill’s stances on **guns**. In debates, Mills asserted that she received high ratings from the NRA primarily for her support of protecting public land, something that progressives obviously support. There seems to be more to the story than that, however, as she has taken votes that clearly would earn her higher NRA ratings, that have nothing to do with protecting public land. These include...

#### Mills voted for:

- LD 719 (121<sup>st</sup> legislature)- would protect outdoor shooting ranges from local noise ordinances- the only thing local authorities can regulate
- LD 874 (122<sup>nd</sup>) Would have let Maine enter into reciprocity agreements with more states, thus allowing Maine residents with concealed carry to carry in other states, and allowing concealed carry from those states to carry in Maine.
- LD 2267 (123<sup>rd</sup>) same as LD 874 above

#### Mills voted against:

- LD 333 (122<sup>nd</sup>)- would have required all gun sales at gun shows to have a background check
- LD 1938 (122<sup>nd</sup>)- allowed victims of domestic violence who had been granted “protection of abuse order” to be notified if their abuser tried to purchase a gun. Note: Mills later voted for a similar version to this bill, after the passage of a bill concerning police confiscation of guns that she originally offered as an amendment to LD 1938.
- LD 1000 (123<sup>rd</sup>)- would have let public universities in Maine ban guns from campus

Mills absent from:

- LD 1111 (121<sup>st</sup>)- would have allowed anyone with a permit from another state (no matter how weak the requirements) to carry concealed in ME