

Media Release: Maine Municipal Videos Show Interviews with Gubernatorial Candidates

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MMA Executive Committee Interviews Moody, Mills, Hayes and Caron

AUGUSTA – On June 27, the Maine Municipal Association met with the four candidates for Governor, and they were interviewed separately by our 12-member Executive Committee about key municipal issues.

Many newsworthy topics were addressed during the meetings, including: increasing pressure on local property taxpayers; the condition of Maine's roads and bridges; K-12 education; broadband Internet access; hiring, recruiting and keeping young people in Maine; municipal revenue sharing; unfunded state mandates; and, much more.

Each meeting with the candidates lasted about 60 minutes. The candidates now are featured in hour-long videos that are available for viewing by MMA members and the public at our website (www.memun.org). MMA is promoting the videos via social media. All four candidates – Democrat Janet Mills, Republican Shawn Moody and independents Alan Caron and Terry Hayes – have been provided DVD copies of the interviews.

MMA encourages members of the media to watch the videos and report on them, and to let viewers, listeners and readers know about their availability. MMA believes that the more citizens know about municipal government, and the issues that local leaders face, the better off Maine will be.

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About the Maine Municipal Association: Founded in 1936, the MMA is a voluntary, non-partisan, member-service organization to which 485 municipalities in Maine belong. It has a core belief that local government is a fundamental component of a democratic system of government. MMA's services include advocacy, education and information, professional legal and personnel advisory services and self-funded group insurance programs.