

Quarterly Issues Report

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Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Duration	Brief Description of Program
Community Voices For Change	1/4/2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Bruce Sleeper, who is the new president of TrainRiders Northeast. He has served as the organization’s legal counsel since its very beginnings in the late 1980’s. He recently testified before the Rail Use Advisory Committee which was established by the Maine State Legislature to consider what should be done with the state owned St. Lawrence Rail Line. He talked about why we should be opposed to any effort to remove rail, ballast, signals and other infrastructure on this line as well as the “Lower Road” from Brunswick to Augusta for a proposed walking/ bicycle path.
Community Voices For Change	1/11/2023	11:30	30:00	Guest was Dr. Sonja Birthisel who is a lecturer at the University of Maine’s Ecology and Environmental Sciences Department. She is also the director of the Wilson Center, a progressive multi-faith organization on the UMaine campus and was recently elected to serve on the Orono Town Council. She described how she has become a climate activist and first got involved in a protest effort to shut down the Merrimack coal-fire power station in New Hampshire and has been recently elected to serve on a 12 member coordinating council – ISO- New England which provides recommendations regarding future financial commitments to energy generators three years in advance to ensure the grid has extra energy during peak demand to avoid outages.
Community Voices For Change	1/17/2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Lauren McCauley who is the editor in chief of the Maine Beacon which is a daily electronic newspaper

				published by the Maine Peoples Alliance. Lauren talked about the importance of movement journalism, how it is different and some of the problems and difficulties that are encountered in Maine and elsewhere in the U.S. She also talked about the benefits and down sides of this type of work and why college / university students should consider this type of work.
Community Voices For Change	1/24/2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Heather Perkinson, who is the President of the Maine Association of School Libraries. The show will focus on recent efforts to ban books from school libraries in Maine as well as across the country. She will talk about why these attacks are not only an a assault on individuals, but also an assault on public education which is the cornerstone of our democracy and what individuals and parents can do to support schools and school librarians who may come under attack.
Community Voices For Change	1/31/2023	11:30	30:00	Our guest was Maura Pillsbury who is a tax analyst at the Maine Center for Economic Policy. She talked about what the 131st Maine State Legislature can do to promote tax fairness and to rebalance Maine's tax code to ensure that the wealthy and corporations are paying their fair share.
Let's Connect	2/23/2023	11:30	30:00	Kristen Dow, Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Portland and Mufalo Chitam, Executive Director of the Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition, discuss efforts to provide asylum seekers with temporary housing as the system reaches a crisis point.
Let's Connect	3/2/2023	11:30	30:00	Kristina Egan, Executive Director of the Greater Portland Council of Governments, speaks with Freeport resident Claire Houston, land use planner Vanessa Farr, and John Egan, Vice Chair of the Freeport Town Council, about efforts to add more housing to downtown Freeport.

Let's Connect	3/16/2023	11:30	30:00	Why do people volunteer? And how do organizations find the right people to help them? Tom Bell talks with Michael Ashmore, the Training and Program Development Officer at Volunteer Maine, and two Resilience Corps Fellows, Anna Paddock and Caitlan Vultaggio, about how volunteerism helps communities and nonprofits thrive.
Let's Connect	3/18/2023	11:30	30:00	Tom Hall, the Town Manager of Scarborough, Jami Fitch, Scarborough's Sustainability Coordinator, and Sara-Mills Knapp, the Director of Sustainability at the Greater Portland Council of Governments, discuss the impact of the climate crisis and what the region can do to bolster its resiliency to extreme weather.

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