1. **Confirmation of weekly sub-committee meetings**: Fridays from 9-10:00 a.m.

2. **Discussion of proposed dates/times for weekly Industry Sector Resource presentation**

   The committee is working to lock down a time to set aside each week to invite speakers.

3. **Recap from 5/27/20 presentation with ConnectME**

   **Key Takeaways**

   All areas need to have strong broadband, but individuals also need the *skills* to understand the technology that they are using.

   Engage young people in broadband **community engagement**. There are many towns that are very reluctant to engage in broadband access and connection. Potentially using community activism to create an environment of encouragement around broadband, instead of apprehension.

   - What is needed in order to get people involved in broadband activism and community engagement statewide? What skillset is needed?
   - How did so much community engagement spring up in different areas? How to spur community engagement in new areas? People value what they work toward themselves.

   **Seasonal residents** in may also have no access to broadband. Would broadband access encourage them to potentially stay in Maine and work remotely? Real estate industries are busier than ever during this pandemic, as people look to move to more rural and less-populated areas. There will be an impediment as telecommuting increases and more people are attempting to work from home. People *need* broadband in order to work remotely.

   **Starlink Program** – series of satellites that will communicate information from low Earth orbit. Offers some very real and useful options for rural Maine. There are a lot of places in Maine that are not on the Three Ring Binder, so they struggle to access broadband. Theoretically, Starlink will allow rural communities to access high-speed connection.

   - Cost for user – about $200 for a base unit for each household connection. SpaceX is being encouraged to work with Local ISPs to work out local costs and community needs.

   **Maine West** began with a community broadband plan. A community broadband plan begins by addressing what the community has for broadband vs what they want. A budget is then created based on the plan and how it will be funded.

   What is our long-term plan for broadband access statewide? Is it realistic to rely on fiber for that kind of access? Starlink will be able to connect individuals to internet, but will not be able to handle the
background data necessary for remote work and connection. Can we connect SpaceX to smaller tech companies within Maine?

4. Next presenter?

Potential-
- Maine Dept. of Transportation – Commissioner
- Maine Port Authority, Director of Freight Service
- Construction Leaders (major road projects
- Associate General Contractors(AGC)
- Motor Transport
- Speaker on satellite? Starlink representative?

5. Housekeeping

Documents relevant to the public meetings will be posted along with agendas. Among committee members, there will be a space for faster file-sharing.