Economic Recovery Committee  
Manufacturing and Natural Resources-Based Industries Subcommittee  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 9:00am

1. The following subcommittee members were in attendance on the call:
   - Chair: Larry Shaw, MMG Insurance
   - Jesse Connolly, Office of Representative Chellie Pingree
   - Bob Dorko, Sappi
   - Susan Hammond, Four Directions
   - Sam May, Maine Harvest Federal Credit Union
   - Alan Perry, Farm Technologies Network
   - Steve Schley, FOR/Maine
   - Matt Schlobohm, AFL-CIO
   - Staff and Support Experts:
     - Mary Grace Schley, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development
     - Hannah Carter, UMaine Cooperative Extension
     - Richard Qualey, Intern, University of Maine School of Law

2. Short Term Recommendations:
   - Three Phase Power
     - The recommendation will be tweaked to reflect that depending on the funding source, someone will be responsible for the cost of these upgrades, be that the ratepayer, taxpayer, or the business. Going forward, the Subcommittee will seek to continue quantifying the potential impact this recommendation will have.
   - Stimulus Investment
     - The recommendation will elevate CDFIs as a lending source that helps reach underserved populations and complements existing financial institutions.
     - The recommendation surrounding the Maine Technology Asset Fund will include language surrounding other benefits to be included as standards of success, including benefits to workers, communities, and the environment.
   - Retraining the Workforce
     - This concept is gaining traction in other subcommittees as well. There may be an effort to combine these and figure out how to best structure the recommendation.
   - Circular Economy
     - The recommendation will be tweaked to reflect that wood fiber heat and power is just one example of a renewable energy source that may be appropriate.
   - Prioritization of Recommendations: Staff will circulate a survey to Subcommittee members to determine the ranking of these recommendations.

3. Further Consideration:
   - Rail access is a key hurdle to economic development and warrants further consideration going forward, particularly given that Pan Am Railway is now for sale.
   - There may be additional opportunity to support businesses, such as the paper mill that contacted the Committee, on an individual basis that can be coordinated with existing work being done by the State.
4. Next Meeting: The Friday July 10, 2020 MNR Subcommittee meeting is canceled. Staff will work to schedule future meetings as we tackle the next phase of work.