Maine Climate Council Working Group

Example Ground Rules

All working group meetings are public meetings. Meetings will be held in rooms large enough to accommodate interested members of the public in the audience.

Working group members are encouraged to attend meetings in person in order to allow for thoughtful discussion. Conference call/video call options will also be provided.

1. Come prepared and be present.
2. Everyone participates.
3. Listen respectfully and with an open mind.
4. Stay on point and on time.
5. Have one conversation.
6. Adopt a problem solving orientation.
7. Work toward consensus* decisions. This means all views should be heard and concerns addressed.

*Note on consensus: All opinions and viewpoints are important and we understand consensus won’t be possible on every issue. Where there is full-consensus, that should be noted and where there is not, that should also be noted with minority views recorded. The same applies to the prioritization of the recommendations.