**Broadband Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, from 5:30 to 7 pm
Surry Town Office**

**Attendees:**Heather Brackett, Nate Cole, Chris Stark, George Borowsky

**October Minutes -**approved

**Survey Response review –**Received 119 responses. Bill, Phil and Chris inputted 110 of the paper response forms onto the online survey form that Nate set up. Bill left a message that 2 of the forms couldn’t be entered because the online form requested an email and 2 people didn’t provide one. Chris mentioned that he contacted Island Institute about how many responses are needed for a broadband community survey. The response was that 25% of the households would be a good response and 30% of the households would be a strong response for a broadband survey. We have an estimated 680 households and should aim for another 100 survey forms to be filled in to have a strong response. [NOTE: New Census info indicates there are 771 households – aim for over 200 responses]

**Nate shared Surry Internet (Broadband) Data**from the Survey Results with circle and bar graphs. 92.8 percent of the respondents had some form of internet service available. Of those that have some form of internet service: 26.5% have Consolidated, 35.3% have Spectrum and 11.8% have Premium Choice. About 70% conducted the speed test.

Nate reported that, due to COVID, 2 grades at the Surry Elementary School went fully remote – 4th and 7th.  A discussion followed about having a school internet survey that 3rd to 8th grade students would fill out. Discussed possible questions to include on a student survey such as -Is your home internet fast enough to Do your school work? To have face time with teachers when remote.

George will send some suggestions.

The committee also discussed having a teacher survey or focus group at the school as well and get ideas from teachers about what kinds of questions to ask of students.

Other ideas included –

Informal survey (interview) with area– How has the internet worked for your business?

Go Door-to-Door in areas where responses are missing

Promote the survey in the Surry Scoop

**December 14 meeting, 5:30– Speaker:  to hear about Broadband efforts in Hancock County and throughout Maine.**Encourage others to join the committee and attend the meeting.