

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Room 228 State House**

DRAFT AGENDA

This meeting will be conducted exclusively in-person (no zoom or YouTube link). Audio of the meeting may also be accessed through the internet:
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10:00 am

Revenue Forecast and General Fund Status

- Amanda Rector, State Economist, Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Staff Member of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and Member of the Revenue Forecasting Committee
- Michael Allen, Associate Commissioner for Tax Policy, Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Member of the Revenue Forecasting Committee
- Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review and Member of the Revenue Forecasting Committee

Update on plans for deer yard preservation through Land for Maine’s Future (LMF) funding.

- Timothy Peabody, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Update on The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): federal guidelines and oversight requirements and State implementation (including local funds to municipalities.)

- Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner, Department of Administrative and Financial Services

Discussion of State expenditures to date on, and planned use of, broadband funding from all sources, including ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, CARES Act Funding, General Obligation Bonds and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Timothy Schneider, Board Chair, Maine Connectivity Authority