

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 5 16 24 Approved: 6 20 24

6:00 PM Auburn Sr. Center

Present: Dave Griswold, Steve Murch, Jeremy Lavertu, Noel Skelton, Sam Boss, Zoe Lidstrom, Robin Payne, Hunter Kissam

Excused:

Absent: Rhyanna LaRose

-Call to Order: 6:15 New members Robin Payne and Hunter Kissam, representing Lewiston, were welcomed.

- 4 18 2024 minutes: Approved

-Public Participation: None-

1. Maine Arbor Week:

a. Dave will attend the Auburn Council meeting when MAW proclamation is read. Zoe will attend the Lewiston Council meeting. Zoe will assemble talking points about LACFB recent activities.

b. Notable Trees of L-A will be introduced. Zoe has set up Facebook and Instagram pages for this. Zoe has provided account details and passwords etc. Sam and Zoe will contact city staff to post announcements of the program and solicit nominations during Arbor Week.

c. Dave is working through details of presenting the American Chestnut Foundation film on Chestnut restoration efforts to the Senior Center during Arbor week, 5 23 at 6:00pm at the Senior Center. He will send out information to promote the event.

d. Six of us will attend the State event at *the Arboretum in Augusta will be at 1:00 on May 23*. Dave will provide headcount to Jan Santerre. Steve will check if there is still time to send pictures to Jan for a Lewiston Poster.

e. It was agreed to postpone work at the nursery.

3. Project Canopy Grants:

a. Noel has submitted an Auburn grant application to add a deer fence with gate at the nursery as well as a better sign. Auburn has pledged funds to add beyond the potential grant funding.

b. Steve has submitted a major Lewiston grant application to make a variety of improvements to Franklin Pasture, including tree planting to establish an arboretum, invasive species control, an outdoor classroom, improving site lines and trails and expansion of the existing fruit tree orchard.

4. Audubon Grant: Steve and Noel have developed a grant from Audubon to improve the nursery, including a site plan, weeding, irrigation, soil amendments and seedlings over two years.

6. 2023 Project Canopy Grants update: Noel has completed planting 10 trees at Auburn Schools. Steve will complete the Lewiston plantings by June 30 deadline.

5. BMT control: Steve has completed BMT control at schools. Noel used a state grant to treat school grounds.

New Business: None

Next meeting: June 20, 6:00 at the Auburn Senior Center, Pettengill Park.

Adjourn: 7:20