

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

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6:00 PM Auburn Senior Center

Present: Noel Skelton, Steve Murch, Jeremy Lavertu, Sam Boss, Dave Griswold

Excused: Zoe Lidstrom

Absent: Hunter Kissam, Rhyanna LaRose, Robin Payne

Guests: None

-Call to Order: 6:13

- 11 21 minutes: Approved

-Public Participation: None-

1. **Priorities for 2025:** Work at the nursery through Project Canopy grant is scheduled for the spring. Steve and Noel are working with Audubon to develop a project to support the nursery.

2. **New Auburn Sycamore:** Noel plans to plant dried seeds shortly. Dave asked if some of the wood could be provided to a bowl turner, perhaps one to be made for display at Auburn Hall. This will be explored further.

3. **Project Canopy brainstorm session:** Primary focus will be tree planting. Possibly a 50:50 match with homeowners as we have done in the past. Help to address EAB; Joint tree planting pollinator garden project; Pettengill (Auburn) signage and trails.

4. **Auburn SNRB meeting with working groups:** Dave reported that the Auburn SNRB is planning a meeting with working groups, city staff and others to review City sustainability efforts and identify synergies. SNRB is meeting on 1 30 to plan details. Stay tuned.

New Business:

1. Reminder that TCUSA paperwork will be due shortly
2. There was a discussion about assisting homeowners with questions about trees on private property. Both arborists may engage with this.
3. Discussion of including EAB treatment and outreach in the budget
4. Dave provided update on increased spruce budworm populations in NW Maine.
5. **Adjourn 7:25**

