

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 9 17 26 Approved:

6:00 PM Auburn Hall Common Room

Present: LACFB: Jeremy Lavertu, Dave Griswold, Steve Murch, Noel Skelton, Sean O'Connell, Wanda Sprague, Ben Thorne, Zoe Lidstrom

Excused:: Sam Boss, Bram Bergeron=Smith

Absent: Andrew Latham

Guests:

Call to Order: 6:12

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-Public Participation: None

1. Chestnuts Across Maine update: Sean and Dave completed the fall measurements. Data has been uploaded. There was discussion about the variability of height growth. Dave will ask Kim Colson to provide feedback from the scientists including observations on genetic tendencies of our trees.

2. Farm and Forest Day Planning:

a. Date 10 17, Chloe Meyers of NP&AgWG is coordinating.

b. LACFB: Nursery will be covered by Wanda from 11-2; Park Street School orchard covered by Sean, 2-4; PAL Chestnut Grove covered by Bram 10-2.

2. Notable Trees/ Arboretum in the Streets: Progress to date and next steps were discussed. Jeremy and Sean can edit. Jeremy will provide information identifying gaps to be filled. Summer and Fall photos are needed. City PR staff should be approached for publicity when we are ready.

3. North Auburn group headed by Councilor Randall has started efforts to develop a pollinator garden in the triangle at North Auburn Road and Beaver Road. They reached out to Dave about potential tree plantings. Noel will connect and consult based on his knowledge of the site.**4.**

New Business:

1. EAB update: Steve has treated 100+ Lewiston trees this year. Response is not as favorable as hoped for. Noel will treat 30 Auburn trees this fall.
2. Dave reported the Washington Street ginkos are struggling. Salt and dry weather contribute.

Next Meeting: October 15, location TBA**Adjourn: 7:01**