

## **Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board**

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

**Minutes 8 17 23 Approved: 9 21 23**

**6:00 PM Auburn Sr. Center**

**Present:** Dave Griswold, Zoe Lidstrom, Steve Murch, Jeremy Lavertu, Sam Boss

**Excused:** Noel Skelton

**Absent:** Rhyanna Larose, Cassidy Cloutier

**-Call to Order – 6:18**

**- 5 18 23 minutes:** Approved

**-Public Participation:** None-

1. **Roger Fuller** has stepped down.

2. **Bittersweet workshop review:** The workshop on 6 16 drew a few people, but fewer than the zoom workshop with Allison Kanoti in February 2022. Part of the issue may have been the Juneteenth Holiday weekend, which we did not consider. We need to consider timing and format for future efforts. Efforts are underway to develop a video version of the workshop which can be posted and shared. Dave is working on that.

3. **Lewiston Tree planting:** Steve reported that he is on the way to planting 70 trees in Lewiston. Thirty have been planted with City dollars. Fifteen have been planted on the “Tree Streets” in cooperation with a “Sprouts” community group. ReTree will plant nine trees near the farmers market. Focus this fall will be at Pettengill Park. Plan is to take some trees from the nursery. Project Canopy Grant will fund trees planted in Spring 2024.

4. **Nursery Update:** Dave visited the nursery this morning and reported that the water table is at the surface. It appears that many of this years’ trees have drowned with all the rain. Weeding and mowing has been a challenge. Steve hopes he will be able to get on the ground to dig trees to outplant this fall.

5. **SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard:** There was a brief review and discussion of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative’s recently published Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard. Certification is not an option, but the standard’s guidance document has links to many resources and the standard has good potential actions to improve

Community Forestry in Lewiston-Auburn. Further review will help us update the LACFB Strategic Plan.

**New Business:**

1. **Strategic Plan:** Steve suggested that we should update our Five-Year Strategic Plan. It was updated routinely over the LACFB's 23 years. It is due to be reviewed and revised. A new plan will help us focus on the future. It was agreed that the most recent strategic plan would be reviewed at the September meeting, and the plan will be revised starting in October. Dave and Steve will try to find the most recent document.

**Adjourn: 7:16**