

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 3 21 24 Approved: 4 18 24

6:00 PM Auburn Sr. Center

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

Excused:

Absent: Rhyanna LaRose

-Call to Order: 6:07

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-Public Participation: None-

1. Discussion with Bowdoin Tree Campus Representatives: Keisha Payson and Shaw Gepfert (Bowdoin Arborist) joined us for wide ranging discussion about our two programs.

2. Maine Arbor Week: Third week in May 5 19-25

a. Dave and Steve will make sure Arbor Week proclamations needed for TCUSA are read at City Council meetings in April.

b. Focal event this year will be to publicize our efforts on the Notable Trees of L-A project, solicit nominations from the public, and promote the Board. Sam will lead this effort.

c. Dave has contacted the Maine chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation to try to bring their film on Chestnut restoration efforts to the Senior Center during Arbor week. Stay tuned.

d. Dave will let the group know about the date for the State event, which will be forthcoming from Jan Santerre. Several members may attend. Dave will inquire about seedings.

e. There was discussion of a potential event at the nursery on Saturday 4 20. Brian Doyle at Tambrands has offered volunteers for this sort of thing. More consideration is needed before anything is scheduled.

3. Project Canopy Grants: Noel and Steve will develop a proposal to improve infrastructure at the nursery, including a new sign. Other thoughts are a storage building and deer fencing. EL is

not ready for landscaping yet, so we will wait until next year. Steve is following the development of the memorial in Lewiston to identify opportunity. Grants are due on May 15.

4. **Pulsifer Street Sycamore update:** Noel has done some research and has found the best time to collect sycamore seeds is in the fall. He hopes to delay taking the tree down until seeds can be collected, with the hope of starting a next generation. The group plans to put this tree on the Notable Tree list.

5. **BMT control efforts:** Noel is coordinating a BMT presentation at the Senior Center from 4:00-6:00 on 3 26. There will be two speakers. Hopefully this can be publicized.

New Business: None

Next meeting: April 18, 6:00 at the Senior Center.

Adjourn: 7:53