

# **Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes**

**September 18, 2014**

**Auburn City Hall Conference Room**



Members present: Rick Shea, Dan Bilodeau, Jay Braunscheidel, Paul Madore, Steve Murch, Sue Boucher, Dave Griswold, Zam Zam Mohamud, John Butler

Members Absent: Larry Poulin

Visitors: Dr. Mike Joseph, City Councilor Tizz Crowley

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of April were not available .

## **Membership update**

The board welcomed Zam Zam Mohamud and John Butler, both from Lewiston. Larry Poulin's membership was questioned because we believe he has moved. Rick will try to contact him and Steve will contact the city clerk to see if he is still listed as a board member.

## **LACFB Leadership Discussion**

Jay indicated that his new job is making it impossible for him to carry out the required duties of chairman. The chairmanship has always been filled by an Auburn Representative since the board was formed and believes that a Lewiston rep was called for now. Rick said he would be willing to step in if someone would take over his responsibilities as the secretary. He asked people to think about that for the next meeting.

## **LAWPC /LACFB Workshop**

The board is helping sponsor a workshop with Lynne Richard and Pat Sirois on Oct. 3rd with the title "Harvesting to Meet Woodland Owner Goals". This would be part of the Maine Healthy Forest Program. Dave Griswold has met with them for planning and explained that it will take place at the Auburn City Council Chambers from 8:30-3:00 pm and will include a visit to the recently logged areas on LAWPC parcels. Dave asked for \$250 from the board to help pay for lunch. John made the motion, seconded by Paul to get \$125 from each city to pay for lunch. It was unanimous to approve the motion. John also suggested that we contact the city to see if the workshop could be recorded and Tizz wanted the workshop notice be placed on the city website.

### **TD Tree Days in Auburn**

TD banks is again using a Project Canopy Grant to plant trees in Auburn. Dan will check with the public works department to find out more information. He will get the date and location so members of the board might help out with the planting.

### **Tree Nursery at Lake Auburn Community Center**

Dan Bilodeau gave more details about the Project Canopy Grant for the LACC tree nursery. Jay will work on the necessary forest management plan. Lawyers have worked on the site easement and license agreement. The board had a long discussion as to type and number for the first thirty trees that would be planted in the mounds in the nursery. Steve and Mike had lots of ideas and pointed out that all the choices have pros and cons. It was decided to plant a mixture of bought and transplanted species. On September 25th a student group from Auburn will work at the LACC nursery finding transplants and getting the mounds ready. Steve said that a hydraulic spade will be a great tool when the trees have grown enough to be planted in city parks or along side the city streets. Next meeting the board will look at the legal work that the LACC has prepared for the use of the nursery.

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Tizz asked if the board will use pink paper for next month's notices. The board agreed it would and received pink paper from her.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 PM by unanimous vote.

**Next meeting is October 16th (3rd Thursday of the month) at 7:00 pm at the Lewiston City Hall Conference Room.**