

# Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes

October 23, 2014

Lewiston City Hall Conference Room



Members present: Rick Shea, Jay Braunscheidel, Steve Murch, Sue Boucher, Dave Griswold, John Butler

Members Absent: Larry Poulin, Dan Bilodeau, Paul Madore, Zam Zam Mohamud

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of September were approved .

## **Membership update**

Larry Poulin's lack of attendance was questioned. To make room for a member that is interested in the LACFB the by-laws require us to remove Larry. John made the motion to remove him from the board--seconded by Rick and voted unanimously. John will ask the Mayor MacDonald to appoint another citizen.

## **LAWPC /LACFB Workshop**

The board sponsored a workshop with LAWPC put on Maine's Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Maine Forest Service. It took place on Oct. 3rd with the title "Harvesting to Meet Woodland Owner Goals". About two dozen people attended. Last month the board approved paying for the lunch that was provided. Dave provided the invoice and more information about the workshop. Rick will get \$92.12 from the funds held in Auburn and Steve will get the money from Lewiston.

## **TD Tree Days in Auburn**

TD Bank again used a Project Canopy Grant to plant trees in Auburn. Dave went and checked the plantings in Pettengil Park. Because of the number of tree plantings in Lewiston's in the past years, Steve said that type of grant could not be awarded to Lewiston. He is writing another type of Canopy Grant. He would like Lake Auburn Community Center's and Dan's wish list for the Nursery on their property.

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

The board reviewed the site easement and license agreement. The board had a long discussion and only section #8 raised questions. Steve wanted some assurance that if one of the cities puts an investment into the nursery that it would not be lost if the agreement is terminated. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement as written after John made the motion and Dave seconded.

Steve will take the license wording and have the appropriate people in Lewiston look at it. He will also forward it to Gary Wardsworth in Auburn. Steve thought both cities would be interested in the nursery development. He pointed out the three hundred trees that could be planted would have a harvest value of \$45,000. Future need and expenses were also discussed. John thought that large nursery expenses could be approached as a joint venture project between the two cities. Steve cautioned the LACC and the board to keep an eye out for damage by animals in the future.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM by unanimous vote.

**Next meeting is November 20th (3rd Thursday of the month).**