

**Rough Draft**  
**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes**  
**April 11, 2013**  
**Lewiston City Hall Conference Room**

Members present: Nick Labbe, Rick Hersom, Richard Shea, Dave Griswold, Bruce Damon, Steve Murch, Jay Braunscheide, Dan Bilodeau

Members absent: Paula Masselli, Scott Riccio

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of April were discussed approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Randall Road ball field cutting was completed, but final figures are not in.

**Budget for 2013**

Steve was OK with \$2000 for the Lewiston Tree Nursery this year. He would like to wait until a decision is made about the soil before making a detailed budget. We would also budget for "Tree City USA" signage on the Main Street Bridge and get some Arbor Day Foundation pamphlets and information on planting trees and community forests. Steve will check with Jan Santere in Augusta about free stuff before anything is bought.

**Arbor Week Activities May 19-25 in Maine**

1. Doug plans to plant 250 trees during Arbor Week as part of the Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Rick will contact him about what we can do to help.
2. That will be a good time to officially open the Lake Auburn Community Committee's nursery.
3. Remind both city councils that the proclamation need to be read. Bruce will look into how and when this is done.
4. The board will look into what it would take to get an Arbor Day banner across the buildings in downtown Auburn. Rick will check prices and see about getting a sponsor for the cost.
5. Steve will check with Jan Santere to see if she and the Auburn mayor have done any planning on the Tree City USA presentation. Jay said we can make suggestions but it is up to Jan and the Mayor to set it up. Rick said he would be available to help.
6. Home Depot had inquired about the board doing a tree planting informational session at their store. We offered to help, but they store manager eventually said they would be too busy during Arbor Week.

**Tree Nursery**

Steve gave a complete update on what has happened and what he hopes will occur in the next few months. Soils on the site are not good. Until he figures out the best way to proceed things are on hold. It might be possible to lay down a strip or trench of good loam on top of what is there. That might also make it easier to harvest when that time comes. Steve would build a small dog-house type cover for the pump and most likely use a drip-type watering system. We had a discussion of what trees would be good and what type would not. Oak, tree lilac, elm, hybrid chestnut, linden, crab hawthorn were suggested. Stay away from maple and ash at this time. Concerns were voiced about keeping grass down and types of rodents. A nine foot by nine foot grid system could work for planting and harvesting. Dan wanted to ask Kurt if a easement for the LACC tree nursery would make sense.

### **Auburn Ordinance Update**

Nick Labbe, the assistant Auburn Public Works Director, said that except for some minor word changes that the public works is satisfied with the ordinance. Funding for “City Cords” program was also discussed. The Auburn City Council will meet and have the ordinance on the agenda soon. It would take two readings at a city council meeting. Every board member thought that the section with the wording about the make-up and running of the board should remain. We could settle with this section being called .....

### **LACFB by-Laws Update**

Until the ordinance in Auburn is passed we thought it important to table any revisions. A document can be discussed when we know what is finally in the ordinance.

### **Lewiston Ordinance Appeal Hearing**

The appeal will be held at Lewiston City Hall on Friday May 17th at 4:30 pm.

### **Membership and Officer Election Timing**

Jay received Doug Boyd’s letter of resignation from the board. Doug was praised from his years of great service to the board. His resignation was accepted with regret. Steve shared that a new member from Lewiston had been appointed. His name is Jim Sorcek. Steve will get his information to us. Dave and Jay had a meeting with the Auburn Mayor and are looking forward to being reappointed to the board. Jay also indicated that June is the month to elect officers. He indicated that he will have difficulty being chairman again. Dave said that a former member, Mike Giasson, might be interested in joining the board again.

Next meeting will be Thursday May 16th at 7:00 pm at Auburn City Hall Conference Room  
Meeting adjourned 8:32 PM by unanimous vote