

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes
March 21 , 2013
Auburn City Hall Conference Room

Members present: Richard Shea, Dave Griswold, Bruce Damon, Doug Boyd

Members absent: Steve Murch, Paula Masselli, Scott Riccio, Jay Braunscheide

Visitors present: Mike Auger-ALT, Kelly Kelly-Sherwood Heights School, Jim Chandler-Auburn Land Lab

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

Minutes of February were discussed approved with one revision.

Auburn Schools and the Forest Management Plan

The three visitors were interested in finding out the status of the Auburn School Department's planned cuts at Sherwood Heights and East Auburn. Jay explained that as a board we have no control as to what the school department decides. Dave and I did a presentation to the school committee workshop in September to explain what was contained in the forest management plan. Dave was told the school committee they needed to consider all of the stakeholders and potential uses of these plots before making a decision as to cutting. Chip Love and I met with the school committee in November and answered their questions. I invited the school committee members to go for a walk with me to see the cutting at McMahan School. At that point the school committee hired Chip to update the plan. The board suggested that the visitors contact the school department and/or Chip Love to see what was planned. The board was willing to help in any way we could. Jay also reinforced Mike's desire to have in place a much broader forest management plan for the combined Harkins and Sherwood Forest plots. This plan would include viewpoints of all the the users.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce reported that Auburn found the account that has the \$252 from the raffle of a few years ago.

Budget for 2013

The board reviewed the budget committee's recommendations for 2013. After looking at all the suggestions it was decided to fund the Lewiston Tree Nursery plans for this year. Steve will be contacted to see if he can come up with a more 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.

Arbor Week Activities May 19-25 in Maine

1. Cameron Sutton, teacher at AMS, has received an award from Project Learning Tree. The board would also like to recognize her. Dave will contact her to see what makes sense.
2. Doug plans to plant 250 trees during Arbor Week as part of the Christmas Tree Fundraiser.
3. That will be a good time to officially open the Lake Auburn Community Committee's nursery.
4. Remind both city councils that the proclamation need to be read.
5. The board will look into what it would take to get an Arbor Day banner across the buildings in downtown Auburn.

Tree Nursery

No new news about this topic.

Auburn Ordinance Update

Jay has heard from the Auburn public works director about the ordinance. The Auburn City Council will meet in workshop session at 5:30 on April 1st. Jay will contact Curt Webber about attending the meeting in case the councilors have legal questions.

LACFB by-Laws Update

Rick and Dave met earlier in the week. They presented a By-Laws update to the board. Each section was reviewed for clarity and intent. Several changes were made. A revised document will be forwarded to the board members for consideration at the April board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 PM by unanimous vote