

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board

Minutes

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July 18, 2013

Auburn City Hall Conference Room



Members present: Richard Shea, Dave Griswold, Jay Braunscheidel, Dan Bilodeau, Jim Sorcek, Bruce Damon

Guest present: Councilor Leroy Walker, Mike Marcotte, Larry Gilbert, Suzanna Boucher

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of the June meeting were discussed and approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes of Brown Street Appeal was discussed. There was brief discussion as to rather Dave or Jay made one of the motions. We voted unanimously to accept the minutes as prepared by the secretary, but understand the minutes are mute because we voted to reconsider the votes taken at the appeal.

Lewiston Ordinance Appeal

At the regular board meeting in June it was voted to reconsider the motion that would not allow the owner to take down the tree. The vote was to take place at our July meeting. After several motions and false starts Mike Marcotte helped the board understand the correct way to proceed. Every member and guest spoke either in favor of waiting until the August 15 meeting or against waiting and voting tonight. It was finally voted to reconsider the motion at the regular August 15th meeting. Mr. Gilbert said he would notify Mr. Roux. Jay notified the board that he received a request by Dr Roux to recuse himself from the process. The board considered the matter but took no action. Jay also informed the board that he would be out of the country for personal reasons during the regularly scheduled August meeting.

Auburn School Department Harvest Activity

Dave received a call from Jim Chandler from the land lab. Jim was concerned about some of the cutting taking place at East Auburn School. Dave told him that the LACFB does not have any legal standing and was not asked by the school department to oversee the site. It was suggested that Jim contact Chip Love, the forester in charge, or Jude Cyr to express his concerns. Dave had taken a quick look to both harvest sites. Dave will follow up with Jude to see if the Board could be of assistance at this point.

LAWPC Meeting

Dave and Jay reported that they had a good meeting and expressed a desire of the board to work with LAWPC in the future. The Board had decided at a previous meeting to support this effort and reaffirmed that support through informal discussion.

LACC Tree Nursery Red Maple Infusion

Dan reported that dozens of red maple seedlings had started growing in the volleyball court. Several have been transplanted and are being grown for the nursery. The road to the nursery is being constructed so heavy equipment could get to the site.

Auburn Ordinance Update

It would take two readings at a city council meeting. The first reading was tabled due to the length of the city council meeting on June 3rd. The city council will most likely wait until they have a chance to realign the city boards and committees.

Treasurer's Report

Rick got the paper work to Bruce for the banner expense. Bruce will get the reimbursement to him.

Membership Discussion

Several names were brought up as potential members as well as the need to have the ex-officio members present at the board meetings.

Vice Chairman Voted

With Jay gone for the next meeting it was suggested that we elect a vice chairman as allowed in the by-laws. Dan made a motion to elect Dave. It was seconded by Jim. The motion passed 5-0-1 abstaining.

Next meeting will be Thursday July 15th at 7:00 pm at Lewiston City Hall Conference Room

Meeting adjourned 8:57 PM by unanimous vote