

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board**  
**Minutes**  
**August 15, 2013**  
**Lewiston City Hall Conference Room**



Members present: Richard Shea, Dave Griswold, Larry Poulin, Dan Bilodeau, Jim Sorcek, Bruce Damon, Steve Murch, Dennis D'Auteuil

Absent: Jay Braunscheidel-excused

Guest present: Dr. Michael Roux, Lucienne Roux, Auburn Councilor Crowley, Mike Marcotte, Suzanna Boucher, Leslie Dubois

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

Board members and visitors introduced themselves. Dave explained that he would be acting chairman for tonight because Jay was on vacation.

Minutes of July were discussed and approved.

**Brown Street Ordinance Appeal**

The minutes of the appeal were taken and were printed separately.

**Auburn School Department Harvest Activity**

Dave received a call from Jim Chandler from the Land Lab. Jim was concerned about some of the cutting that took place at East Auburn School. Dave and Jay were given a tour of the area by Jim. In their opinion the cut was within acceptable limits. Better consideration for educational use could have been carried out during the planning stage of the cut. At a recent school committee meeting there were community members criticizing the school committee and the forest board. The forest management plan was updated by the school committee and was not forwarded to anyone on the board for our comments. Members of the board said that even though we had no legal standing in this issue we would try to take a larger part when the Sherwood Heights area is cut next year.

**Auburn Ordinance Update**

The city council is waiting until they have a chance to realign the city boards and committees before moving on the ordinance. Dave, Jay, and Dan will attend a meeting with the Auburn Mayor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bruce was able to get the reimbursement to Rick for the banner.

### **Membership Discussion**

The board welcomed Larry Poulin as our newest member. Kathy Young and Suzanna Boucher have also expressed interest in joining the board.

### **McMahon School Nature Trail**

Steve and Rick have started the initial planning for the \$10,000 Project Canopy grant that was awarded to Lewiston. Steve pointed out that he needs to match the money with volunteer hours. Rick invited the board to select a project to help develop the area.

Next meeting will be Thursday Sept. 19th at 7:00 pm at Auburn City Hall Conference Room

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM by unanimous vote