

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes

March 16, 2017

Attended: Rick Shea, Dave Griswold, John Butler, Jordan Tate, Steve Murch
Excused: None

Call to order: 7:01

1. Approved minutes from February meeting.

2. Auburn Conservation Commission update: Nothing to report. No March meeting to date.

3. Arbor Week Planning:

a. Banners

- Rick will get dates on banners changed.
- Arborists will make arrangements to display banners during Arbor Week.

b. Displays

- Steve will handle Lewiston City Hall arrangements
- Rick will work with Auburn Library
- Need to take inventory of materials and get more from Jan Santerre as needed.

c. Nursery Event

- Plan to have a public event with SJ coverage. Finalize details at April meeting.
- build around LACFB meeting on May 18.

d. Arbor Week Tree Planting

- Motion passed to spend to plant a 2017 Arbor Week Tree in Lewiston and Auburn. 2 trees @ \$200 = \$400.

4. Strategic Plan

a. Reviewed Established and Ongoing Goals

- Goal 4: Advocate with Local Media - no edits
- Goal 5: Establish Tree Trust - no edits

Discussion that we need to research and benchmark towns that have established Tree Trusts. John will initiate.

b. add future goal to monitor tree removals, and develop replacement policies.

5. Auburn Project Canopy Grant

- Dave reported a conversation with Jan Santerre indicating that the Auburn Street Tree Inventory Grant proposal was working its way through the approval process.

New Business

1. Membership: Need to review and advocate to get members appointed to fill out committee.

- Vacancies: Auburn 1; Lewiston 2; At Large 1
- Agenda item for April Meeting

2. Potential Activities to Consider

- Display at River Dam event
- Summer hike/tree id
- "Story walk" partner with CMMC
- Publish summary of accomplishments for recruiting members

3. Need to begin thinking about Auburn Public Woodlot Management Plan revision scheduled for 2018.

- How to develop public input on management objectives
- Develop RFP to send to licensed professional foresters

Adjourn at 8:06