

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes
May 19, 2016
Auburn City Hall Conference room



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Members present: Rick Shea, Jordan Tate, John Butler,, Gary Wadsworth (Auburn Public Services), Steve Murch (Lewiston City Arborist)

Excused: Jay Braunscheidel, Dave Griswold, Zam Zam Mohammad, Chuck LaFea

Meeting called to order at 6:57 p.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes:
April 2016

Public Session

No comments

Auburn Public Woodlot Ordinance

Consideration at the sub-committee was taking place tonight and then brought to a future City Council Meeting .

Auburn Street Tree Inventory

The bid came in high, so only 2500 trees will be inventoried. It will be carried out this spring. Gary will get an update from Tony Beaulieu for the next meeting.

Arbor Week Happenings

- **Arbor Week Banners:** Rick mentioned that he had seen both banners-one at the hillside at the Auburn Mall as one comes off the bridge. The other one was at the site of the Farmers' Market in Lewiston.
- **State Event participation:** State/Tree City USA Event was on Tuesday, May 17, from 10:30-12:00 at Keith Anderson Community Building in Orono. Rick and Steve attended. we heard from Doug Denico of the Maine Forest Service and Jan Santerre of Project Canopy. The Frank Knight Excellence in Community Forest Award went to Pat and Dave Thompson of Orono. We made some valuable connections with some of the people in attendance.
- **Nursery Event:** Tree are coming in this week. Equipment has been rented and site work has begun. Auburn has delivered wood chips and Steve will keep members informed about lining up volunteers from several groups from Lewiston High School.

- We need to get pictures on the city website so auburn can have an attractive display at the Maine Arbor Week Celebration next year.
- **Informational Tables:** Steve, Rick and Dave set tables up on Monday, May 16 at the two city halls and Lewiston Library. Auburn Library had no room this year. Chuck's posters to promote Maine Arbor Week were very helpful. The \$50 for materials to support the displays passed helped with white board and tape to make the displays stand out and look professional.
 - **Special Tree of L-A Contest:** The group believes that this project could be a great activity to call attention to the urban forest in Lewiston and Auburn. We decided to work on promotion of this contest during the next month. Nominations will close October 31. Ideas to discussed to use photos that board members would take to kick - off the contest. Ideas include posting on Cities' website, promotional posters, TV and newspapers articles. We could also apply for a Project Canopy Grant to publish the photos similar to the recent Trees of Bath, Maine postcards or possibly a calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 16th at Lewiston Public Works. It was also suggested that if we could share information via email and nothing requires a lot of discussion, we not hold a formal meeting.