

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes
August 20, 2015
Lewiston Public Works Conference Room**



Members present: Rick Shea, Jay Braunscheidel, Dave Griswold, Steve Murch (Lewiston City Arborist)

Guests (Auburn Conservation Commission): Councilor Tizz Crowley, Ben Fletcher, Robert Sipe, Jordan Tate, Maurice Keene, Pete “Jeff” Preble

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introductions of the LACFB and Auburn Conservation Members were made.

Minutes of July meeting were reviewed, but not approved, due to lack of a quorum.

Presentation to Auburn Conservation Commission

LACFB members provided members of the Auburn Conservation Commission with a brief history of LACFB and its’ activities, topics including Tree City USA, tree planting, past workshops, Arbor Day events and invasive insects.

The LACFB 2011-15 Strategic Plan was reviewed in some detail. The Strategic Plan is due for revision, and LACFB members solicited ACC input as ACC develops its’ priorities.

Tree Nursery and Project Canopy Grant/ LACC

Steve Murch reviewed progress on the Tree Nursery recently established with MFS Project Canopy Grants, an easement from the Lake Auburn Community Center and cooperation between the two cities. A second Project Canopy Grant has been received which will allow for further development of the nursery, with a total of 250 trees to be planted by June, 2016. Much of the work is being done with the help of volunteers from LACC, LACFB and other community groups. Trees are expected to be ready to transplant on city streets in 6-8 years. Trees will then be valued at approximately \$200.

Lewiston Forest Management Plan Progress Report

Steve Murch reported that forest management goals on Lewiston city woodlots include generating revenue, recreation including development of a trail system at McMahon School, and improvement of wildlife habitat. In the several years since the forest management plan was written, harvest revenue from the Lewiston city woodlots has totaled approximately \$100M. 10% of the revenue is available to LACFB per the Lewiston Community Forest Ordinance. In 2015,

revenue has been used for arborist training and a 50:50 tree planting program in Lewiston, as approved by LACFB.

Public Session Policy

Rick researched public session language used at L-A city councils and school committees, per discussion at the last meeting. Draft language was discussed to establish guidelines for public session. No motion to adopt a policy was brought forward, due to lack of a quorum. Rick noted that Mike Roux was expected to request to address the board this evening, but he left the meeting without doing so.

New Business

There was discussion about the relationship between ACC and LACFB. ACC plans to discuss possible adjustments to the ACC ordinance at its' next meeting. Topics may include the process to make appointments to LACFB from Auburn, possibility of establishing associate members, and the number of ACC members required to be appointed to LACFB.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 17th, at a location to be determined.