

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 3 20 25 Approved: 4 17 25

6:00 PM Auburn Senior Center

Present: Steve Murch, Jeremy Lavertu, Dave Griswold, Zoe Lidstrom

Excused: Sam Boss

Absent:

Guests:

-Call to Order: 6:07

- 2 20 25 minutes: Approved

-Public Participation: None-

1. Washington Street (Auburn) Redesign Project: The board endorsed a motion, without exception, Zoe's draft LACFB position on street trees to be incorporated into the Washington redesign project. Zoe will circulate the final document to be submitted on April 1. A Zoom meeting will be held by the City at 6:00. For details see LittleAndroGateway.com.

2. Stetson Road Housing Project: The Auburn Planning Board has required: "proper year-long vegetative screening must be applied along the Stetson Road". Dave has reached out to Bob Hayes on the Planning Board. He has asked Eric Cousins and Stacey LaBlanc to reach out to the board to receive input concerning this requirement.

3. Nursery Grant status and implementation plans: Work is scheduled for early spring. Road work will precede installation of perimeter fencing. The new sign is ready to be installed once the other work is complete.

4. Project Canopy update from Jan Santerre: 2025 funding is on hold, so there has been no solicitation of projects.

4. TCUSA and Maine Arbor Week: A nursery open house event will highlight the improvements. If possible, it can be coordinated with a bare root planting experiment supported by Audubon. The Pulsifer sycamore will be highlighted at the City Council.

5. Auburn SNRB meeting with working groups: Dave reviewed ideas and priorities that were developed at the Auburn Sustainability Meeting on 2 27.

New Business:

1. Jeremy has a few sycamore seeds that have germinated. Fingers crossed for more.
2. Jeremy is scoping out an ash injection project to project ash trees on the Bates campus. The project is planned for next year. He will share details and cost estimates with the city arborists.

Adjourn: 7:22