

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**Auburn City Hall 2nd floor Room 204**  
**7:00 pm**



Members Present: Jordan Tate, Rick Shea, Steve Murch, Rhyanna Larose  
Absent: Gary Wadsworth  
Guests: Dave Griswold, Bill Sylvester

### **1. Review and approve last meeting minutes**

The minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved.

**2. Public Session-**“Members of the public are invited to speak to the board about any issue directly related to LACFB business which is not on the agenda. Bill said he was invited by the Conservation Commission to attend meeting as a potential member and a person on the Auburn Agriculture Zone Committee. Dave was here to share the Auburn Public Woodlot Management Plan.

### **3. A member of CC will review the latest Auburn Conservation Commission actions.**

Jordan and Rhyanna shared what was happening at the Auburn Agriculture Zone Committee meetings. They and Bill are surprised that so little time be being spent on the forest sections because they make up a large percentage of the area. They have shared their concerns with the mayor and other city officials without much headway. The comprehension plan meetings are moving ahead with some important ideas being dropped off with little or no discussion. There is activity going on with “Trails” in Auburn. Mt. Apatite has had signage and trail work ongoing with help of the Mountain Bike Group. Groups that oversee the Lewiston-Auburn trail system are looking for help in planning and maintaining their work.

### **4.. State Arbor Week Events 2019**

We will look at the activities we discuss at our last meeting

- Rick will try to attend State of Maine Arbor Week Celebration on Monday May 20th in Camden, Maine
- Banners may be getting worn. Steve will check to see if they are good enough to be hung in each city announcing Arbor Week. Rick will contact Gary to see if the Auburn banner is in good shape.
- Steve and Gary and their crews plant a tree in both Pettengill Parks. The “Friends of Pettengil” and Steve have planned to get a picture of the planting in the paper. We need to do a better job to get the Forest Board better known.
- Lewiston and Auburn City Hall Arbor Week display placed by Rick. Steve will try to get more pencils and stickers for each display.
- Grant applications that were mentioned at the last meeting did not go well for several application. We will apply next year.

## **5. Auburn Public Woodlot Management Plan**

Dave has been working on completing the plan and made a thorough presentation to the board. He has met with the city manager, school personal, and others in the city.. The Conservation Committee should a get involved in making the City Council aware of the potential impact of the woodlot plan. It has been ten years since the first plan was published. The issues with the past cuttings at E.L. and East Auburn have been considered well possible educational and recreational uses. Dave want everyone to realize that this current plan is a “living document” and will need to be updated at time goes on. Rosemary could be helpful in getting the plan on the Auburn Website. We believe that the city should recognize that Dave’s efforts in working on this plan have saved the city thousands of dollars. This plan has also given the city big potential earnings from the city owned woodlots.

## **6. New business/old Business: none**

## **7. Adjourned at 8:35pm**