

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 10 17 24 Approved:

6:00 PM Auburn Senior Center

Present: Dave Griswold, Noel Skelton, Zoe Lidstrom, Steve Murch

Excused: Sam Boss

Absent: Hunter Kissam, Rhyanna LaRose, Robin Payne, Jeremy Lavertu

Guests:

-Call to Order: 6:12

- 9 19 24 minutes: Approved

-Public Participation: None-

1. **Notable Trees, SJ article 10 13 and next steps:** Discussion of the feature article. Possibilities for next steps for Notable Trees project: map locating trees, slide show, power point. Steve will share the list. Noel will develop a power point. ***THIS WILL BE THE FOCUS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING.***

2. **Nursery Update:** Hedgerow will be cleared except for the trees, exposing the stone wall. Road work will be done this year. Fencing and sign will be installed in the spring. Noel has flagged 10 trees to out-plant. Birch don't transplant well in the fall, so transfers will wait until spring. Other trees will be planted this fall in Auburn. Auburn is considering purchasing a spade to dig trees for transplant as well as other uses. Dave will host visitors for the Farm and Forest event on Saturday 10 19 from 1:00-3:00. It is part of Auburn's Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group Farm and Forest Tours event.

3. **EAB update:** Auburn is developing policies and procedures to deal with EAB which has been found in South Auburn. Dave forwarded our Strategic Plan, which includes an EAB focus, to Ass't City Manager. Discussion of treatment of individual trees with pesticide. Steve reported that a number of biological control agents (insects) have been released on an 8 acre lot in Lewiston. Steve has assisted the Maine Forest Service with this initiative.

4. **Strategic Plan:** Priority focus is the Notable Trees project. See above.

5. **New Auburn Sycamore:** Noel will be collecting seeds shortly. He plans to use seeds to grow seedlings for the nursery. He will try a variety of approaches for seed storage. Seedlings will be

grown in the Auburn green house. It is expected that if we have success the trees can go to the nursery in 2-3 years. Noel plans to keep logs from the tree when it is taken down this fall and have lumber sawn for use in specialty projects.

New Business:

1. **Riverside Cemetery, Lewiston:** Cemetery staff approached Zoe following the SJ Article. There is concern about maintenance of large trees in the cemetery and storm damage. Steve will meet with a cemetery representative to review the situation.
2. **Request from Kiwanis:** Following the SJ Article Kiwanis has requested a short presentation on LACFB and the community Forest. Zoe, Noel and Steve will explore possible date of December 4.

Next meeting: Nov 21 at Senior Center

Adjourn: 7:21