

## **Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board**

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

**Minutes 4 17 25 Approved: 5 15 25**

**6:00 PM Auburn Senior Center**

**Present:** Noel Skelton, Jeremy Lavertu, Dave Griswold, Zoe Lidstrom

**Excused:** Sam Boss, Steve Murch

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**-Call to Order: 6:11**

**- 3 20 25 minutes: Approved**

**-Public Participation: None-**

### **1. Maine Arbor Week**

a. State Event is at the Viles Arbritum on Friday May 23. 10:30-12:00. Noel and Zoe plans to attend, Dave is uncertain. Please let Dave know so he can give headcount to Jan Santerre.

b. Dave will send a nursery photo to Jan> Zoe will send Notable Trees photos from Lewiston and Auburn for Jan to use on TCUSA posters.

c. Nursery tour is planned for Thursday May 22 at Noon. Dave will inform the Auburn Council. Zoe will inform Lewiston Council

d. Dave and Zoe will arrange for displays at the two libraries. Dave has handout materials to use.

e. Cities need to be reminded of the need for TCUSA proclamations.

f. Tree bowl display was discussed. Dave will get stand and research age.

**2. Stetson Road Housing Project:** The Auburn Planning Board has required: "proper year-long vegetative screening must be applied along the Stetson Road". The group discussed the possibility of leaving some of the stand along the road in place, and regenerating pine that would provide a screen. Interim recommendation would be to plant evergreens among the

remaining mature pine to screen until the regeneration is established. Dave will contact Eric Cousins to get a development plan so it can be reviewed at the May meeting.

**3. Nursery Grant status and implementation plans:** Work is scheduled for early spring. Road work about May 5 and fence work about May 19.

**4. Spring planting:** Auburn may start week of Apr 21, depending on equipment situation. Auburn plans to plant 18 trees plus trees from the nursery. Dave will coordinate with Noel about timing the planned Morse St planting so neighborhood kids can observe or participate.

**5. Sycamore Seed Propagation:** Jeremy reports that some sycamore seeds from Pulsifer Street tree have germinated and have first set of leaves.

**6. Washington Street Testimony:** Zoe submitted our testimony which was sent to the design team. Eric Cosens will keep us posted.

**New Business: None**

**Adjourn: 7: 15**