

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 5 15 25 Approved: 6 12 25

5:00 PM Auburn Senior Center

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

Excused: Sam Boss

Absent:

Guests: Sean O'Connell

Call to Order: 5:40

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-Public Participation: None-

1. Maine Arbor Week

a. State Event is at the Viles Arboretum on Friday May 23. 10:30-12:00. Noel and Zoe plans to attend.

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 event/work session with Audobon reps on 5 20. Donated trees will be planted.

d. Dave and Zoe will arrange for displays at the two libraries. Dave provided materials.

e. Cities' TCUSA proclamations are scheduled.

f. Sycamore tree information and bowl will be presented to Auburn City Council.

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 reviewed the plans for the project, noting that they will be revised.

3. Nursery Grant status and implementation plans: Work is scheduled for June. We will hold an open house once work is completed.

4. **Spring planting:** Auburn may start the week of Apr 21, depending on equipment situation. Auburn plans to plant 18 trees plus trees from the nursery. Lewiston expects to take 15-20. Lewiston has also contracted to plant 40 trees. Dave will coordinate with Noel about timing the planned Morse St planting so neighborhood kids can observe or participate.

5. **Chestnuts Across Maine:** Dave will contact Eva Butler at Maine TACF to invite her to the June meeting.

6. **ReTreeUS:** Sean reports grants of \$50k for trees in Bartlett-Birch St area in Lewiston, and \$20k for trees at Franklin Pasture. Tisha's Orchard at LHS will be expanded with 10-15 trees and 30-40 shrubs, to become first "edible" arboretum. TD Tree Days is providing a grant.

New Business: None

Adjourn: 6: 35