

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

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

**Minutes 10 19 23 Approved: 11 16 23**

**6:30 PM Auburn Sr. Center**

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

**Excused:**

**Absent:** Rhyanna Larose,

**-Call to Order – 6:33**

**- 9 21 23 minutes:** Approved

**-Public Participation:** None-

### **1. Strategic Plan Review:**

- Several proposed items were discussed and accepted, see below.
- Zoe agreed to take on the task of editing the Strategic plan, incorporating items from 9 21 23 and 10 19 23 meetings in a draft for review.
- Target year end to finalize new Strategic Plan

**New Business: None**

**Adjourn: 7:50**

### STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSALS

1. EAB Planning and Management
2. Street Tree Inventory
  - a. Remeasurement of sample annually
  - b. Data Entry
  - c. Project for Bates students?
3. Nursery improvement
  - a. Deer fencing
  - b. Drainage and irrigation

- c. Power/electricity
  - d. Species selection
  - e. Signage
- 4. Invasive awareness
  - a. Bittersweet
  - b. Norway Maple
  - c. Knotweed
  - d. Other?
  - e. Control in public spaces? Examples: Simard Paine Park, Auburn Riverwalk
- 5. Monitor / Track Community Forest by neighborhood
  - a. Define neighborhoods
  - b. Establish number of street trees
  - c. Sum DBH for street trees, use as indicator of canopy
  - d. Track trends to identify priority areas for planting
  - e. Project for Bates Students?
- 6. Anti vandalism campaign
  - a. Workshop / presentation to public and schools
    - i. Value of CF to urban environment
    - ii. Issue of damaging bark
    - iii. Adopt-A-Tree program / Neighborhood watch (See SFI Standard Indicator 1.2.1 Build a Stakeholder Coalition and Community Engagement Guide for Sustainable Communities, Indicator 2.1.2 18 Health Benefits of Trees and Forests)
- 7. EL Landscaping
- 8. Notable Trees of L-A
- 9. Advocate for Arborist staffing and budget
- 10. Network with other TCUSA Tree Boards, Benchmark