

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board/Auburn Community Forest Working Group

Minutes 5 18 23 Approved 8 17 23

Senior Center Pettengill Park

Attending: Roger Fuller, Sam Boss, Steve Murch, Zoe Lidstrom, Dave Griswold, Jeremy Lavertu

Excused: Noel Skelton, Rhyanna Larose, Cassidy Cloutier

Call to Order: 6:11

Approval of Minutes: 4 20 23 minutes approved

Public Participation: None

1. Project Canopy Grants for both cities have been approved. This will fund 10 trees at Auburn Schools and at various locations in Lewiston.
2. Arbor Week Planning:
 - a. Dave, Rhyanna, Steve and Noel plan to attend the State Arbor Week event at the Viles Arboretum in Augusta. Both cities will be recognized for 20 years of Tree City USA>
 - b. Two elms from the nursery will be planted at Simard and Bonney Parks, with plaques celebrating 20 years of TCUSA.
 - c. Last of the new nursery trees will be planted in May. We are working to get some chestnut seedlings as an experiment.
 - d. Proclamations from both cities have been arranged.
3. Bittersweet workshop with cooperation from Auburn Conservation Working Group is set for 6 16. Announcements, handouts and publicity have been developed. This will serve as our June meeting.
4. Auburn tree planting this year is targeted for 64 trees. 32 trees were removed last year. The Project Canopy grant covering 10 trees is included.
5. There is a tour of the Chestnut Orchard in Hartland on 6 10.

New Business: None

Next meeting: Bittersweet workshop will serve as the June meeting. Considering taking a break in July.

Adjourn: 7:16