

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Board Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission)

Minutes

6 17 2021

7:00 PM at LACFB Nursery,

Lake Auburn Community Center, North Auburn Rd, BYO chair

Present: Steve Murch, Mary Brenchick, Rick Shea, Cassidy Cloutier, Dave Griswold, Joshua Nadine

Excused: Sam Boss:

-Call to Order – 7:10

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-Public Participation: None

- Nursery Tour The Board walked the nursery viewing seedlings planted during Arbor Week as well as trees in various stages, some ready to plant out. Watering has been done during this exceptionally dry month.

- Arbor Week May 17-21 Review

- Tree Nursery activity: Board members planted approximately 40 dogwood and black walnut seedlings received from Jan Santerre with the help of Steve's Lewiston crew.

- Seedlings: Cedar and white spruce seedlings were handed out at the Lewiston Farmers Market, TD Bank in Auburn, and the Covid Vaccination Clinic at the Auburn Mall. Dave also delivered seedlings to the Auburn City Council meeting where the Arbor Week Proclamation was read.

- Washington Street Project Canopy Grant update: The plan is to do site prep in September and put the trees in the ground in October. Due to the location and safety concerns, the Auburn crew will do the work.

- Invasive Species (Lewiston River Trail) The presence of patches of invasive species including bittersweet, honeysuckle, knotweed, and barberry along the River Trail was discussed.

- Tree Pruning Workshop: Cassidy and Steve will head up development of a tree pruning workshop for some time in the fall.

- Housekeeping

- **Best time to meet?** There was consensus to try to meet earlier than 7:00 moving forward. It was agreed to attempt 4:30 when practical.

- **Do we need a July meeting?** The consensus was to take July off and reconvene in August.

-**New Business None**

- **Adjourn:** 8:05