

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes

July 23, 2015

Auburn City Hall Conference Room

Members present: Rick Shea, Jay Braunscheidel, Dave Griswold, John Butler, Suzanne Boucher, Zam Zam Mohamud(remote), Gary Wadsworth

Members Absent: Dan Bilodeau

Guests: Tizz Crowley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of April and May were approved.

Auburn Conservation Commission[CC]

Dave attended the CC meeting on July 21st. and met the members. He shared information on the "Woodlots Ordinance" and the "Shade Tree Ordinance" that the city has made. It was suggested at that meeting that the Forest Board and the CC meet each other and share what the LACFB has been doing over the years. Rick made the motion to **"Invite the CC to our regular LACFB on August 20, 2015"** It was seconded by Dave and approved unanimously by the board. It was suggested to meet at 6:30 pm to have some time for the two boards to socialize. Dave had a suggested agenda for that part of the meeting. He and Rick will formalize it and share it with the board. Tizz said she would provide some refreshments.

Membership in LACFB

Dave had contact with Dan about his understanding that the LACFB is now a subcommittee of CC. As a subcommittee Auburn's appointments to our board will now be made by the CC. Tizz believes that any citizens that have filed out an application to the board will have to resubmit. If the application is already on file, it may be submitted simply signing it again at city hall. Dennis D'Auteuil, Tizz, and others believe that there are conflicts between some of the language in the recently passed ordinances and will be trying to resolve them. Lewiston's membership continues to be appointed by Mayor MacDonald and is currently up to date. We had a discussion about "associate members". John made a motion and Zam Zam seconded it to **"allow the board to appoint one associate member from Auburn and one from Lewiston"**. Associate members may attend meetings and participate in discussions and if a regular member of the board is absent, the associate member would have the power to vote. This would help maintain a quorum. Motion passed unanimously.

Nursery

Using grant money, Steve and Dan are working to get the pump upgraded to 220 volt system. Rick and his grandson have spent some time at the nursery removing some of the large weed from the tree mounds. If any member has an hour, they could help out and do a row of mounds. The small seedlings appear to be doing well.

Communication from Mr. Roux

Jay received a request from Mr. Roux to meet with the board to present new information about our denial of his appeal. Dave had emailed the members of the board and city officials in Lewiston about his understanding of how the ordinance works. He believes that the board has already dealt with Mr. Roux's appeal. If Mr. Roux has new information he needs to start the process over by giving his information to the city arborist. The LACFB is the board of appeal if Mr. Roux does not like the arborist's decision. Jay will talk to a city official about contacting Mr. Roux.

Officier Elections

Jay has decided to step down as committee chairman. The board greatly appreciates Jay's many years of leading LACFB. Members thought that it would be appropriate to rotate the chairmanship to Lewiston this time. John made a motion and Zam Zam seconded to elect Rick Shea as chairman and Dave Griswold as secretary. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm