

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes
January 18, 2018
Auburn Hall, Room 204**



Approved 2 15 2018

Members present: Rick Shea, Dave Griswold, John Butler,
Rhyanna Larose

Excused: Jordan Tate, Steve Murch

Guests: None

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

1. Approval of Draft Minutes: October, 2017. There were no meetings in November or December.

2. Public Session

No participation.

3. Auburn Conservation Commission Report – Rhyanna La Rose

- Conservation Commission has scheduled a guest speaker for the 2 27 meeting. Speaker will review best practices of other conservation commissions in Maine.
- Parks subcommittee, nothing to report.
- A trails subcommittee is being formed, looking for members. Meeting 2 6 at 6:00 pm.
- Next meeting will include update on Ag Zone work.
- Commission plans to elect interim officers to fill vacancies.

4. Auburn Street Tree Inventory

Dave inventoried approximately 600 trees through early November. Data has been uploaded on Auburn GIS. East Auburn neighborhood and area adjacent to Center Street has been completed. West Auburn, North Auburn and areas south of the airport remain to be completed before October, 2018.

5. Auburn Forest Management Plan Revision

Dave and Rick will meet with Auburn staff on 1 29 at 10:00 to discuss the process to initiate the 10 year revision of the Auburn public woodlots forest management plan. Key items are to get input from the city, the school department and the public on the management objectives for each woodlot, and get a commitment from the City Council to pay for a forester to revise the plan.

6. Lewiston Harvest Planning

Steve Murch plans to have a small harvest done this winter on a small lot off the East Avenue Extension.

7. Education and Outreach

The Androscoggin Land Trust has expressed interest in collaborating on another event at Sherwood Heights next summer. The consensus is to participate if ALT can get a reasonable number of people to commit to attend. Last summer there were 3 presenters and only one attendee.

8. Tree City USA

Tree City USA applications are due. Steve Murch will apply for Lewiston. Rick will contact Gary Wadsworth in Auburn.

9. Strategic Plan

Board agreed to post the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan on the city websites. Dave will forward to Auburn.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Tizz Crowley suggested that LACFB participate in planning for Auburn's 150th Anniversary, with the idea of planting a tree to celebrate. There might be an opportunity for a 50:50 planting program through a Project Canopy Grant. Dave will plan to attend the first meeting on 1 31 at the Auburn Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03

-Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 15, Lewiston Public Works.