

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes  
September 17, 2015  
Lewiston Public Works Conference Room**



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**Members present:** Rick Shea, Dave Griswold, Steve Murch (Lewiston City Arborist), Zam Zam Mohamud, John Butler

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

Minutes for May, July and August meetings were approved.

**Public Session Language**

Motion was passed to approve the following language to govern public session:

***“Members of the public are invited to speak to the board about any issue directly related to LACFB business which is not on this agenda. Please be succinct and speak for no more than five minutes. The board will not respond to your issue at this time. If necessary, we will refer your name to the appropriate city department or add the item to a future board agenda.”***

**Auburn Street Tree Inventory**

Dave and Rick reviewed notes from 9-14-15 meeting in Auburn with Jan Santerre (project Canopy, Pete Preble (Auburn Conservation Commission) Dan Goyette and Tony Beaulieu (Auburn staff). At that meeting, Santerre presented possibilities for Auburn to receive a grant to fund a street tree inventory. Goyette agreed to take the lead to develop the grant application.

Motion passed to send a letter supporting the grant application, drafted by Dave, from LACFB to Auburn Conservation Commission, with a copy to Dan Goyette.

Steve will contact Dan to offer assistance.

**Tree Nursery Update**

Pump and electric system will be upgraded. Weeds are a challenge in the tree mounds. Steve plans to use mulch fabric in the future. Roadside mower is getting stuck attempting to clear brush to prepare more ground for planting next spring. It may be necessary to wait for frozen ground. Tree survival is close to 90% for trees planted this year.

## **Strategic Plan**

Members should review the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan and bring ideas to the October meeting. The plan revision will be a major focus of the October meeting.

## **New Business**

- Dave reported that a Maine Public Radio spot aired on 8-7-15 indicated that Federally endangered northern long-eared bats were heard at Mt. Apatite during a bat survey. This may impact forest management. More information will be required when the Mt. Apatite forest management plan is revised.
- Steve indicated that 62 trees will be planted in the downtown Lewiston area through a TD Bank grant on October 14. Steve requested board members attend if possible.
- Steve indicated that he did not use funds approved by the Board to do a 50:50 planting this year. He still hopes to do the arborist training scheduled using LACFB funds that was approved by the Board

**The meeting adjourned at 7:52.**

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 15th, at a location to be determined.