

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Board Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission)

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6:00 PM Auburn Sr. Center

Present: Steve Murch, Rhyanna Larose, Cassidy Cloutier, Dave Griswold, Jeremy Lavertu

Excused: Sam Boss, Noel Skelton, Roger Fuller

-Call to Order – 6:01

- 11 17 22 minutes: Held for next meeting

-Public Participation: None

- Bittersweet Project: Linnea and Gabrielle, at Bates, did outstanding work on the bittersweet project, mapping 5 neighborhoods, developing handouts, a video, and outline for a workshop in the spring. Steve will inquire about Portland's management plan.

- 2023 Initiatives:

- 20th year TCUSA will be awarded. TCUSA paperwork will be due in January.

- discussed potential Project Canopy grants. Proposal to plant ten trees in each city, cross referencing the grants as part of TCUSA 20th celebration during Arbor Week. It costs about \$800 to buy and plant a street tree.

- Sprout Lewiston; Audubon has funds to plant trees and will send volunteers to work at the nursery.

- Plan to review Auburn data on 2022 planting, removals and 2023 budget proposal supported by recent ordinance.

- New members welcome. Jeremy Lavertu to be appointed at next Auburn SNRB meeting in January.

- New Business None

- Adjourn: 6:50

