

## Sustainability & Natural Resources Management Board

**Minutes:** 1 18 24

Approved: 4 11 24

### **Attending:**

Community Forest Working Group: Dave Griswold

Conservation Working Group: Jane Costlow

Natural Products & Agriculture Working Group: Chris Carson

Sustainability Working Group: Ralph Harder

Mayor's Representative: Councilor Tim Cowan

Planning Board Representative: vacant

Excused: City Manager Crowell

Staff: Eric Cousens, John Blais, Katherine Cook

Guests: Mayor Harmon, Councilor Milks

**Recorder:** Dave Griswold

**Call to Order:** 6:05

1. **Minutes** for 10 12 23. Were approved. 7 13 23 minutes were not available and held for the next meeting.
2. **Public Participation:** None
3. **Order 04-01022024 to review Ordinance #28-11202023**
  - a. Members, Staff and Guest discussion
    - i. Members, staff and guests discussed ideas concerning clarification of activities in the Lake Auburn Watershed overlay district, including agricultural issues, subsurface waste water treatment, and new and expanded residences.
    - ii. Members, staff and guests discussed the relationship between the City, LAWPAC and other towns in the watershed, including potential

inspection activities and potential funding to assist landowners to get into compliance.

iii. SNRB will work with staff and others to define a path forward, per the order.

**4. Working Group updates:**

- a. NP&Ag WG- Meeting on 1 25 24.
- b. Conservation WG- Pollinator event is being planned for February. Little Androscoggin boat access is a priority. Littlefield dam removal grant effort was not successful in 2022. A revised grant application was and resubmitted in 2023.
- c. Community Forest WG- LACFB 2024-2028 Strategic plan, adopted on 1 11 24, was briefly reviewed. Dave provided preliminary information of likely Project Grant funding available in 2024. Details are expected from Jan Santerre at MFS by month end.

**5. Sustainability WG-** Ralph asked for guidance on how to address Order 14-01162024, request for SNRB to create a solid waste plan by 8 19 24.

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2024

Adjourn: 7:40