

## **Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board**

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

**Minutes      11 20 25    Approved: 12 18 25**

**6:00 PM Auburn Hall Room 204**

**Present:**    Jeremy Lavertu, Dave Griswold, Zoe Lidstrom, Steve Murch, Noel Skelton, Sean O'Connell

**Excused:** Sam Boss

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Wanda Spraguel

Call to Order: 6:15

**- 10 16 25 Minutes:** Approved

**-Public Participation:** None

### **1. Notable Trees of L-A work session:**

a. Trees are either in public space or on private property visible from the road. Private trees need to be identified as such.

b. Steve and Zoe will compare the lists they have and share with the group.

c. Information should be developed to post on the cities' websites. Goals to provide education and promote the community forest.

d. We need to share the photos we have and take more of new trees and trees in different seasons. Members will take lead on trees assigned from the list.

e. Target to get the program up and running by Arbor Week.

**2. Chestnuts Across Maine:** Dave has reached out to Eva Butler at MTACF. She plans to start the planning process for our spring projects in December. Dave has also introduced CAM to Rita Beaudry at Auburn PAL Center and has her support.

**3. Nursery Update:** Steve has removed two birches for spring planting. One other birch has bronze birch borer and will be cut down. Steve has filled the holes where trees were removed so they will be ready for spring planting.

**New Business:**

1. Dave reported that the printed signs identifying the 2 trees planted to commemorate 20 years of TCUSA have bleached out from the sun. Noel agreed to handle getting engraved replacement plaques.
2. We welcomed Wanda Sprague from Auburn to the group. Dave will bring her name forward to Auburn's SNRB at its January meeting and get her appointment confirmed.

**Next Meeting:** Dec 18 at Lewiston Public Works

**Adjourn: 7:15**