

Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board

(Auburn Community Forest Working Group of SNRB)

Minutes 12 18 25 Approved: 2 19 26

6:00 PM Lewiston Public Works

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

Excused: Sam Boss

Absent:

Guests:

Call to Order: 6:08

- **11 20 25 Minutes:** Approved

-**Public Participation:** None

1. Notable Trees of L-A:

a. Formalize a single list, assign members responsible to take photos of each tree Jermey will send his list to Zoe.

b. We need to find an example of a red oak, Wanda will take photo of the tree behind the former CP Wight School on North Auburn Road.

c. Discussion of idea of L-A Arboretum in the Streets".

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

2. 2026 Focus items:

a. Arbor Week Activities

b. Chestnuts Across Maine: We should hear from Eva Butler shortly.

c. EAB: Steve is planning inspections and targeted treatment of trees in Simard-Payne Park. Noel has left over BTM money that can be used for EAB targeting schools, parks and downtown. Discussion of possibility of doing some publicity with SJ about signs and symptoms. (EAB has spread rapidly now identified in 44 towns).

d. Potential Collaboration with Auburn PAL Center: Dave pointed out that there is an opportunity to reach out to the kids at the PAL Center and build on the CAM project. Potential to address Strategic Plan Objective to raise awareness of street trees and prevent vandalism through education and “adopt a tree”. Dave will explore having a street tree inventory map developed for the neighborhood around the Pal Center. Also potential to involve kids in Conservation WG Earth Day clean ups and make the kids aware of invasive species.

3. SNRB quarterly meeting: January 8 at Auburn Hall, Community Room at 6:00. A key agenda item will be planning a second joint meeting of WGs and staff. One possibility is to have a session where local conservation organizations can share ideas.

New Business:

1. Lewiston website will be updated with current information about LACFB.

Next Meeting: Jan 15 at Auburn Hall Rm 204

Adjourn: 7:11