

Community Forest Working Group (LACFB)

Natural Products and Agriculture Working Group

Joint meeting 9 18 25

Minutes 9 18 25 Approved 10 16 25 LACFB; 10 30 25 NP&AgWG

Location: LACFB Tree Nursery, North Auburn Road

Recorder: Dave Griswold

Staff attending: David Hediger

Attending LACFB: Dave Griswold, Sam Boss, Jeremy Lavertu, Zoe Lidstrom, Steve Murch

Excused: Noel Skelton

Absent: None

Attending NP&AgWG: Kathy Shaw, Dave Griswold, Chloe Meyers, Grant Meyers, Pam Rousseau, Chris Carson

Excused: Joe Gray, David Bell

Absent: Ed Michaud

Guests: Bill Sylvester, Sean O'Connell

Call to Order: 6:10 pm

Public Participation: None

1. **Minutes:** Approved 7 17 25 LACFB Minutes and 8 28 25 NP&AgWG minutes,
2. **Nursery Tour:** Steve Murch led a walk through the nursery highlighting it's history, recent Project Canopy Grant improvements including road work, drainage and deer fence, and recent out-planting to L-A streets.
3. **NP&AgWG Farm and Forest Day Oct 18:** Kathy and Chloe presented plans for this year's event which will incorporate about a dozen sites. Sites will welcome visitors from 10:00-2:00. Cloe is encouraging artisans, crafters and makers to participate,
4. **Chestnuts Across Maine:** Steve and Dave provided an update on efforts for both cities to partner with the Maine Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) to

establish groves of Maine chestnuts to preserve the genetic pool and make chestnuts more visible to the public as efforts to develop blight resistant trees continue.

5. **Presentation to Maine Recreation and Parks Association:** Dave and Zoe will be presenting a forestry program in Lewiston on Oct 16. Focus will be forest management as a means to meet a range of landowner objectives, with emphasis on recreation and education.

New Business:

1. **Good Food Council:** Chloe has joined the board and inquired about our understanding of the GFC mission.

Next meetings:

LACFB: 10 16 25 Zoe invited us to a meeting at her house in Lewiston to see jumping worm damage to soil firsthand.

NP&AgWG: 10 30 25 at Auburn Hall Room 204

Adjourned: 6:55