

BATH COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA
September 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Minutes from June – Review/approve

Activities Reports

Communications and town committee reports (community newsletter monthly deadline on 20th of each month)

- Report from Climate Action Committee (Nancy and Julie)
- Report from Community Development Committee (Leiha)
- Facebook update

Education –

- Potential pamphlet for native tree plantings (recommendation from Climate Conversations meeting)
- Table at Citizen Involvement Day?
- Fall mushroom walk on September 26 at 4 pm
- Landscape awards update

Finance

- Review current financial report if there is one

Tree Care/Nursery

- Drafting guidelines with the city on how to choose sites for tree planting (Bruce and Nancy)
- Middle School orchard update (Jim and Nancy)

Butler Head -

- Invasives contract and invasives mapping (Jack update)
- KELT annual easement monitoring and any dates for 2023? (Jack update)
- Sign inventory and needs (Bruce update)

Old Business

- Hummer Property donation (no update)

New Business

- Check-in on monthly meeting time – does first Tuesday still work?
- Process for plan in preparation for next budget cycle
- Resurrecting the BCFC newsletter
- Jack – report out on any activities of interest to committee
- Rod – report out on any activities of interest to committee
- Street Tree inventory

Upcoming Events

- September 26 mushroom walk at Butler Head, 4 pm

Committee aspirations:

1. Network with other city committees that intersect with forestry committee interests
2. Continue to manage Butler Head focusing on:
 - forest management to deal with pests and pathogens,
 - marking boundaries (141 acres)
 - controlling invasive species

- expanding Butler Head (41-acre donation)
- maple syrup sale

3. Continue to manage community nursery, focusing on:
 - expand to include a larger suite of species such as native shrubs
 - relocate mature stock and plant new stock to areas in need of restoration (ex.: ponds at the cemetery and strip along the backside of the current nursery, pump station)
 - set up a pocket park as a demonstration site
 - collaborate with local funeral homes and/or gardening centers to initiate a “memory tree” program
 - develop an “in memoriam” walkway near nursery, in/adjacent to cemetery
4. Develop a resource for homeowners wanting to choose native plants for their property
5. Expand educational offerings to include guided public hikes at Butler Head - bird walks (spring), mushroom walk (summer/fall), insect walk (summer/fall), tree i.d. (leaf on and leaf off)