

**Bath Community Forestry Committee
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
4:00 pm at Parks Dept**

Meeting Agenda

1. Confirm aspirations and review activities document (Leiha)
2. Schedule date to meet at the nursery and discuss next steps (Bruce)
3. Newsletter next steps (Barbara)
4. Schedule Butler Head workday for log hauling and bridge building (All)

Updates from Departments and Committees

1. Forestry (Jack)
2. Community Development Committee (Leiha)
3. Transportation (Megan)

Upcoming Events

- January 21, 2025 – Landscaping for Climate Resilience, Bath Garden Club – honorarium to come to BCFC

2023 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)