

**BATH COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**October 3, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

**Minutes from Last Month** – Review/approve  
**Financial Report** – Review/Approve if there is one

**Activities Reports**

**Communications and town committee reports (community newsletter monthly deadline on 20<sup>th</sup> of each month)**

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

**Education –**

- Table at Citizen Involvement Day – materials to hand out and any volunteers to help
- Landscape awards update

**Tree Care/Nursery**

- Any fall tasks for nursery?
- Middle School orchard – potential mid-Oct workday (Nancy)

**Butler Head -**

- Invasives contract and invasives mapping (Jack update)
- KELT annual easement monitoring results (update from any attendees)
- Sign inventory and needs (Bruce update)

**Old Business**

- Hummer Property donation (Jim)
- Street tree inventory

**New Business**

- Check-in on monthly meeting time – does first Tuesday still work?
- Begin discussion for budget needs next fiscal year
- Arbor Foundation application
- 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**

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)