

**Bath Community Forestry Committee
Monday, April 1, 2024
5:30 pm at Parks Dept**

Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of March minutes
2. Budget updates (Jack, Nancy)
3. Tree/shrub purchase (Bruce)
4. Nursery planning (All)
5. Forestry committee funding accounts (Bruce)
6. Butler Head trail cleanup – schedule date (All)
7. Butler Head field trips for 2024 (All)

Updates from Departments and Committees

1. Forestry (Jack)
2. Community Development Committee (Leiha)
3. Climate Action and Bike/Ped (Nancy)

Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 13 at 5:30pm - next BCFC monthly meeting
- Wednesday, April 10 at 5:30 pm – Landscaping for Climate Resilience, Patten Library in conjunction with KELT and Climate Action Committee
- 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)