

**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)