

Bath Community Forestry Committee

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

4:00 pm at Parks Dept

Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of May minutes
2. Nursery maintenance and chip spreading (Bruce)
3. Cemetery planting (Jack)
4. Forestry committee funding accounts (Bruce)
5. Arbor Day event and landscape awards (All)
6. Newsletter update (Barbara)
7. Annual meeting date
8. Butler Head trail cleanup and next steps with logs (All)
9. Butler Head field trips for 2024 (All)
10. Heritage Days (All)

Updates from Departments and Committees

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

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 10 at 4 pm - next BCFC monthly meeting
- 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)