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Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2022

**Members Present:** B. Phillips, K. Schoonover, S. Demiray, T. Anderson, M. Kay, J. Arnold, D. Durcho

**Membership:** Vince Perrotta had decided to step down as chair at the end of August, due to time requirements of the board. As such, the board will need to select a new chair.

**Treasurer's Report:** We had one deposit from our website for a total of \$98.86, in addition to \$0.11 of accrued interest. There were two withdrawals: one for the boards FALCAN membership and another for \$125.00 to N. Pelino as an NRCC activity fee refund. The current balance is \$4,841.46.

Mike will work on getting a debit card, for electronic payments and Sonia and Mike will work on getting our Donorbox account to deposit funds into the board's bank account.

**Logging Site Exams:** One logging site review was received since our last meeting. The job was submitted by Bill Bond of Parkton Woodland Services. The job calls for the removal of 237 trees on approximately 20 acres. The landowner's objective is to commercially harvest oak and poplar, utilizing group selection to open up the canopy. Trees that are in poor condition or are in decline, will be the primary targets for the harvest. The property is located at 2502 Basford Road. The board will review this plan within the next week.

The board also met with county permitting officials to discuss the logging permitting process. Minutes from that meeting will be included as a separate pdf. Due to increased responsibility of the board, for these logging site reviews, the board will be asking for a stipend. Another meeting with the county will be planned, once their new permitting system is completed and put into place.

**Outreach:**

**1. County Events**

The board will not be attending the Frederick Fair due to cost and lack of availability. Sonia attended the Potomac/Monocacy Report Card forum.

**2. Urban Forestry**

- 1) The August Second Sunday Tree Walk was canceled.
- 2) The September 11<sup>th</sup> tree walk at Hood College was very well attended. The next Second Sunday Tree Walk will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Baker Park. Walks will be continued to alternate between Baker Park and Hood College. The goal is to continue to offer these tree walks year round – in general, Vince will hold Baker Park walks and Sonia will host the Hood College walks. Former member Bethany Dellagnello was recognized, by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Carrolton Manor, for her development of the tree walk program.



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3) The board also discussed expanding these walks to forest walks, and is planning a visit to Gambrill State Park's trail system to further explore this option. Schools are also showing interest in our tree walk programs as well.

4) No big tree measurements are scheduled right now. Sonia will see if the CBF will host another Wolf Tree Competition. Bruce has begun working on an article about the MD Big Tree program. The article will discuss how the program started and will talk about the program here in Frederick County. Standardizing measurement techniques was also discussed for the big tree program. Some conflicts have come up with multi-stemmed trees and the variation between boards at the state level.

### 3. NRCC

Recruitment has already begun for next year. Fees will be going up with the tuition fee now being \$500 and the activity fee being \$150. A more in depth essay will be required next year in order for campers to receive their activity fee back.

### 4. Media

1. Green Section: Mike has provided a number of articles for the Green Section. Currently we are running four about evergreens. We also have articles from Bruce, Tom. And Sonia which will hold us well into 2023.

2. Nature Notes: Sonia is pulling Nature Notes from the archives, updating them slightly, and sending them out for weekly Nature Note Newsletters, the News Post, and Social Media.

3. Website: Transition from Dave to Sonia is mostly completed. Sonia is trying to structure the website to make it a little more user-friendly.

4. Social Media: We continue our FB & IG presence.

### 5. Partnerships

- Board members are encouraged to take part in the FALCAN meetings (Second Wednesday of each month, 6 PM)
- Frederick Master Gardeners has confirmed a "Woods in your backyard" presentation for Mike and Sonia on February 14
- One DAR group is seeking a tree walk in April if 2023
- There is a potential to announce a forest walk program for schools with MAEOE

### 6. Tree Shelters:

The tree shelter recycling program has received slowed interest. We discussed the next step as locating derelict tree plantings that could use attention and working with volunteers to remove and pile shelters for recycling. This may be possible with a partner such as Streamlink, who already has a volunteer base. The board also would like to set up a meeting with Rebecca Culler, Program Manager of Frederick Solid Waste and Recycling. The next step would be working with the recycling center to see what is possible for dumpster location and recycling possibilities on site.

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**New Business:**

Bruce attended the last meeting for the Sugarloaf Mountain Plan. The plan has not added any additional requirements for timber harvest permitting, but has increased the total amount of area in Resource Conservation by 1,200 acres. This again increases limitations to forest landowners, and will require the additional review of the forestry board. Sawmills in the Sugarloaf Mountain Plan area will still be banned from use.