

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2023**

Present: Don Grove, Linda Grove, Greg Bartles, Mary Jo Bartles, Doug Inkley, and Aaron Cook.

MFA/ SAF legislative breakfast follow-up – Aaron attended 1/31/23, joint event with SAF. Review of agenda, about 120 people attended, unsure how many were elected officials or staffers. Interesting speakers on biomass and alternative wood products, including wood products that use nanotechnology (<https://inventwood.com/mettlewood/>).

27th Annual Flower & Garden Show (3/18-19) – Location is ARC building at Hagerstown Community College. <https://goo.gl/maps/pMLtgdY4kAcUVBiD8>. Aaron has secured additional materials for hand out. Seedlings should ship prior to the event. Aaron will also print some new invasive plant fact sheets and provide some new brochures about forestry programs, including backyard buffers. Aaron will ask new project staff if they would like an opportunity to earn comp time to help fill the schedule. Greg will transport all the display material to the gym. Aaron will bring posters, informational handouts, and seedlings. Set up is 1PM on Friday the 17th. Saturday morning is staffed by Doug (Judy?), Saturday afternoon (ryan, anna), Sunday morning is staffed by Don and Linda. Sunday afternoon Aaron will man the display, while teardown will be handled by Aaron and Greg. Anna will be presenting 5 million trees as a speaker. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this worthwhile outreach event!

Other Business – Big Tree, year of the logo, big tree program is coming up with a logo. Discussion with coordinators across the state, in 2025 it is year 100 of the program. Lots of interest in this. Doug received the list of big trees that need to be remeasured this year. Fewer than 10, with a few left from prior year. Aaron reminded Doug to let us know so that we can help. The remeasurement process was exciting as it led to a few new trees. European larch resent to Doug to get listed.

Frederick forestry forum February 15, Aaron will report back, Don plans to attend.

MD Arbor Day is the first Wednesday of April. Seedlings normally ship the last week of March. We will plan for the distribution at our next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM, March 1, 2023, at the Maryland Conservation Agency Museum (Greg's place).