

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15th, 2012 7:00 p.m.**  
**ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231**  
[www.AmstonLake.org](http://www.AmstonLake.org)

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors  
Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, S. Martin (7:04 pm), D. Martin (7:04 pm), L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, J. Connor  
  
Absent: L. Hennebury, S. Fogue
- B. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions  
No one wished to address the Board
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Dave Moorcroft made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented; L. Lenti seconded the motion and approval was unanimous
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report  
S. Martin is beginning planning for cleaning out files stored in the Clerk's permanent files, the Goldilocks Storage area and the archives at the Town of Hebron; will put together costs for project for next meeting to add to budget; will require ink, paper and time. Claire Lenti, resident, volunteered to assist; document retention policies from the State of CT were shared with all; will need assistance from R. DeCormier for Treasurer files and E. Curtin for Tax Collector files

During cleanout, found several documents of interest to the Board. D. O'Brien has the documents and is scanning the ones of importance for us moving forward. Items included:

- Letters regarding fireworks use from both towns of Hebron and Lebanon from 2004
- CATIC – Legal opinion letter from 1999 stating that the tax district can allow or not allow whomever they want to use the lake
- April 2005 Letter introducing the Grossman Project
- Amston Firehouse correspondence with Hebron beginning in 2003
- 2005 Pictures of boats parked improperly on beaches – in same places as they are now in 2012
- 2004 Legal Opinion defining a "voter" for our purposes
- Minutes from a 1995 Board Meeting detailing the two Colchester properties which are part of our tax district
- September 1954 Clubhouse Land Deed
- 2002 Fish Count Report
- Deeds for land donated to the tax district by past residents on Lebanon side (Rock Road)
- State of CT Records Retention Policies

Copies of each of these items are attached for future research purposes. (Originals should all be filed in Clerk's files in storage.)

- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication  
S. Martin – per document retention policy, we only need to keep copies of emails with material info; we do not need to keep every email and emails will be cleaned out to match the State of CT document retention policy; historical info will be saved and filed by subject

This month:

- Several emails regarding CT Water and copper issue

- Discussion regarding Rain Garden Permit from Lebanon for Northeast Cove
- Emails regarding disposition of Amston Firehouse and property
- Rain Garden Manual was shared with all
- Data Sheet for Potassium Hydroxide from CT Water (additive used to increase pH of water)
- Asset Schedule from Treasurer
- Treasurer Report
- Tax Collector Report

G. Receive President's Report

- Bailey Property Line agreement waiting for final signature of one of the owners who lives in California
- Survey on the ROW adjacent to the Bailey Property Line is completed. D. O'Brien needs to meet with Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying to review and then present the information to the Board at our March meeting.
- Old Firehouse to be discussed by Town of Hebron, Board of Selectmen on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. D. O'Brien will have a status for the Board after their meeting.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

Anita Connor presented the 2010-2011 Financial Statements and Asset Listings  
Ray DeCormier reviewed the January Financials – both are attached

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

D. O'Brien read E. Curtin's report for record – see attached

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

D. Martin – Barley straw discussions for order placement in process with Stillpond Farm in Maryland; we are going to install full bales this year; per Stillpond Farm, a body of water our size should be using bales – and we should leave the bales in for a year to get full positive effects; D. Martin will coordinate with other volunteers for installation and removal

Northeast Cove – Inland/Wetlands Commission of Lebanon will be doing site walk on Saturday, Feb. 18 to approve installation of rain garden; D. Moorcroft wants us to keep in mind that heavy rains may just wash out all the plantings; need to consider an underground relief system

D. Martin has been inspecting the shoreline while the water has been drawn down; identifying water inlets where barley straw will be placed to help reduce algae blooms; collected seep water for testing ; could not get into South Cove due to ice which collected in that area

Stillpond Farm has a new product – “floating islands” – native plants are placed onto floating material that is then anchored to the bottom; uses nutrients from the water to reduce algae blooms

K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Security – J. Laferriere - boats are being cleaned up; someone is still doing donuts in the parking lot of Main Beach and dog feces are being left on beaches; kids are throwing the rip rap rock on the dam into the water; need to pick up and replace or buy new
2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – started bringing up the lake level since no snow to melt and want to be sure water is up for opening of fishing season; no response from DEEP regarding repair permit
3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – Hebron is still on track to install the vortechnic unit in the spring
4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – 3/1/2012 is beginning date for construction and end date is 1/2013. The construction firm is still looking for a lot for its work office; S. Martin will investigate

district owned property to see if anything is available

5. Drinking Water – CT Water is having public meeting on February 16 at the Hebron Library to address resident questions and concerns regarding the copper levels in the water
  6. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – still investigating costs for budget; more info next meeting
  7. Weeds and Algae – nothing to report
  8. Communications – R. DeCormier – copied ALA email address listing into the ALD database and now have 489 email addresses for residents
  9. Ordinances – nothing to report
  10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – CT Water has begun replacing the gravel on the dirt roads; Cove Road will need some maintenance before the sewer work is done; will report next month on status
  11. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – RFP listing to be published to residents next week and in the newspapers at the end of the month of February
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
1. Town of Hebron – Review of Amston Lake portion of “Plan of Conservation and Development” – move to next month’s meeting under Old Business so all can review the document
  2. Establish a boiler plate contract for vendors – move to next month’s meeting under Old Business
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – nothing to add now
- O. Adjournment
- D. Martin made a motion to adjourn; L. Lenti seconded; all approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sherri-Ann Martin, Clerk  
Amston Lake Tax District