

**AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**

August 17, 2016

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231

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**A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:**

M. Paul, F. Hoisl, A. Connor, B. Pelegano, M. Gut, B. Blackmore, R. DeCormier, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

**B. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M.

**C. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners:**

Shane Speight, 26 Beech Road, Lebanon, CT

Concerning security issues, such as garbage on the beaches and rows, non-residents, etc.

I have 18 years of experience, I know technology, and I can help.

Comment: Contact B. Pelegano concerning security.

Carl wool, 182 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

I have been involved in security and open/close the gates. The beaches have been very clean this year with a minimum of problems.

Comment: Any help would be good help.

Al Fichtel, 203 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

Had an episode while testing the lake water. A boat needed help to return to shore. It had no sticker, but the people in the boat showed a pass. I think they were from Rhode Island.

Comment: Security will check the boat pass number to see who owns it.

Certain weeds, etc. behind the Main Dam may be invasive. We could pull them, compost them, and/or call Uconn for identification.

Comment: Contact Uconn for identification of the weed type.

A pontoon boat is moving very quickly on the lake. It's engine seems to be equivalent to a 9.9 gas motor. Our ordinances state that a motor should not exceed 3 H. P.

There are many dead fish this year which could be a result of the heat, stress, or other reasons.

**D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by L. Lenti to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes. Seconded by R. DeCormier. All approved. Motion passed.

**E. Receive President's Report:**

The ALD board received a certified package from a resident which named both the ALD board and another resident in small claims court for lighting fireworks on the lake and debris falling on this resident's house. Our lawyer stated that the board can fine a resident for violating ordinances. The president will speak with the lawyer to see if the ALD is liable for any claims concerning these fireworks. This will be discussed in an executive session.

**F. Receive Treasurer's Report:**

A report was handed out to board members which was generated from the new software. The balance sheet was explained. Discussion followed. All information will be on the website.

**G. Receive Tax Collector's Report:**

A report was given to all board members. All information will be on the website.

**H. Receive Clerk's Report:**

The benches and plaques have been ordered. A second notice for quotes from vendors on snow removal, road repair, etc. was sent.

**I. Presentation of Correspondence:**

Emails were received concerning fireworks, transparency of budget information, the pavilion, upcoming ALA events, kids trespassing on the rock at the North end of the lake, and Ryan row cleanup.

**J. Receive Lake Management Report/Review Goals and Objectives:**

The spillway at the dam is being monitored and is at present time 4 ¾ inches below the edge. The first payment for spraying was sent. A storm water sample after a rain event (Hebron side) was taken and sent in and we are waiting for the results. Spraying will take place this fall, a suggestion to call Dr. Knoecklein for advice was made.

Comment: We do have some algae blooms every year which is a result of adding nutrients to the lake and other factors. The board continues to educate residents about this "stuff" going into the lake and minimize storm runoff. Can we prevent all algae? Probably not but we can control the amount that enters the lake.

Comment: We need a price list from Dr. Knoecklein for the different tests, etc. when needed. The president discussed with a Lebanon resident the lily pads near the Lollipop area. We cannot spray in this area because of the location of a well. The lily pads/weeds can be pulled up manually. We need volunteers to help dispose of these lily pads and weeds.

**K. Consider and Act Upon Standing an Special Committee Reports:**

Lebanon Roads

There was no response for a request for more committee members so we are working with our core committee. A request for quotations was sent out for the Lebanon roads. We need a liaison between the board and the town of Lebanon. The committee discussed the snow plowing contract and decided to add "put sand on the hill areas when needed" at Beech and Ledge Rds. Leaf removal and cleanup will be needed this Fall. The board will consider having a multi-year contract for snow plowing which should be awarded around October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Road repair contract will be awarded. Four quotes were received. We need to work with the town of Lebanon concerning the location of the sewers. There are 10 roads with 7200 linear feet to be repaired.

#### Pavilion

The committee is looking at different styles and costs. One style is an open pavilion with a cement floor and aluminum roof. More discussion and research is needed.

#### Security

All is going well. There are very few issues with non-residents. We still need a contact for residents to call. An action plan is to present new plans for year round security. Discussion followed.

#### Dam/Duck Pond

The duck pond has been cleared of brush and looks good. Karl Acimovic is working on the Duck Pond dam repair issue.

#### Communications

A yearly email blast schedule is being worked on. Should we have a section on the website, with a password, for board members? Discussion followed.

#### Boats, Docks, and Rafts

No report.

#### Beaches and Rows

The tree was cut down at the trailer parking area. The brush at Lollipop needs to be removed and the tree by the potty is a safety concern. This will be completed soon.

#### Finance

We do not want to eliminate the Main Dam fund but to include the Duck Pond dam, it will be called the Dams Fund.

A motion was made by M. Gut to call the fund the Dams Fund. Seconded by R. DeCormier. One member opposed, one abstained, seven approved.

The motion passed.

We need to hire an independent auditor to review the books. The finance committee will research and choose an auditor.

#### Calendar and Tasks

The sign committee will update signs for the rows and beaches.

#### **L. Old Business---Discussion and Possible Action**

Nothing to report

#### **M. New Business---Discussion and Possible Action**

At 9:42 P. M., a motion was made by A. Connor for an executive session. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved. Motion passed.

The session ended at 10:01 P. M.

A motion was made by A. Connor to send a letter to Nick Salerno with a fine of \$100 for a violation of the fireworks ordinance # 2008.5 e. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved. Motion passed.

A motion was made by A. Connor to authorize M. Paul, president, to select a vendor for the Lebanon road repair. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved. Motion passed.

**N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting:**

1. Year round security plans.

**O. Adjournment:**

B. Pelegano made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by M. Gut. All approved. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake Tax District