

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20th, 2011 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, S. Martin, D. Martin, D. Moorcroft, S. Forgue, J. Connor
Absent: L. Hennebury, L. Lenti

B. Call to Order 7:05 pm

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions

Dave Arnold, Ames Rd, Hebron

Wrote article about boat launching – no boat launching rules in the ordinances; should add “boat launching off of trailers needs to be done off of the Main Beach”; concerned about algae called “Rock Snot” which has spread quickly in past four years; think passing through fishing waders and suggests we consider what if any regulations apply to that

Dave Martin: Any suggestions for education? C. Wool has offered to make up a Rock Snot laminated sign that could be placed at boat launches and right of ways

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting as provided by S. Forgue, J. Connor seconded the motion; approval unanimous

Motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting as provided by D. Moorcroft, R. DeCormier seconded the motion; approval unanimous

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

S. Martin wants to be sure we have space in the budget to cover the possible addition of CL&P outdoor lighting to Lollipop's parking lot. D. O'Brien responded that as long as under \$5000, can be covered with existing budget

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication - see attached listing

G. Receive President's Report

Bass Lake Road lot paperwork has been completed and we now own it; the 2010 Monitoring Report has been received and we need to schedule a meeting with Dr. Knocklein to review it

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

1. Ray DeCormier Monthly Review – see March 31 Financial Review

2. Anita O'Connor Financial Review 2009-2010 – Dam Fund is no longer meaningful since we do not hold a loan on it; Lebanon Road Fund is meaningful because related to mil rate; not separate “checkbooks”; D. Martin wants A. O'Connor to follow up that we are following the tax statutes correctly in regards to how transfers of dollars between General Fund and Municipal Reserve Funds

D. Martin motioned to move S. Forgue up the agenda for Boats and Rafts, etc. – second by D. Moorcroft – Scott Forgue: net profit is \$706 after eBay fees; two bids submitted by Real Nadeau and Warren Smith; S. Forgue recommends mow every two weeks and trim every four weeks; brush cleanups should be done twice per season; \$360 x 15 mowing – trimming \$70 x 8 for budget; extras for garbage pickup or incidentals will be \$45 per hour, when needed J. Connor made a motion to award the mowing and trimming to W. Smith, D. Moorcroft seconded; unanimous approval; D. Dederer will take over barley straw installation from S. Forgue due to a back injury

S. Forgue left the meeting at 7:58 pm

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – E. Curtin came so can speak to us prior to the Annual Meeting; trying to be more assertive about tax collection; last set of notices were Tax Collector's Demands instead of Late Notices and has had excellent response; the letter is a standard letter in the tax collector software; 125 North Pond Road is only property left on tax sale list scheduled for April 26th; Deutsche Bank owns the property and is not responsive to Eileen or to Adam Cohen; seven properties to turn over to A. Cohen for collections in May

Other communities publish the list of delinquent property owners or share; do we want to do that? D. O'Brien - Not at Annual Meeting, may be other ways to communicate

Would like to use email addresses for tax collection purposes; we would need to gather them for this purpose since web page emails were collected for communications from web page, not specifically for tax collection; how many people would we contact? Couple hundred properties, number of owners unknown; sent 138 envelopes so 138 owners on last notice; seven people currently owe more than \$1000

Property in Hebron – in 2004 the ownership was transferred and the name was not changed, only the mailing address; years after came correctly; bill went to new address with wrong name and was not opened; not our fault and not fault of individual; resident will send in something in writing to the Board of Directors and request that the lien be written off since going to wrong person (about \$200) – Nicole Bernier will submit letter

- J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Dam – D. Moorcroft – has drawings for cement wall to build up against existing spillway with coffer dam; then would take out sides of spillway and fill voids with concrete; need to do this while it is not an emergency to keep costs at a minimum; told K. Acimovic we need estimates, etc for the annual meeting
 2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – waiting on Hebron for Vortex unit; we have \$20,000 in budget and fiscal year ends in June; trying to move this along to get it done; D. Moorcroft – drain across from Oakland St is full of sand and needs to be cleaned – D. Moorcroft will double check and send an email to D. O'Brien if it needs to be cleaned out
 3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – no updates; WPCA is to approve preliminary design tonight
 4. Drinking Water – S. Martin – P. Verrier sent out a request to poll the residents regarding the quality of water on the lake; S. Martin will follow up and get more specifics about what she would like to do; we can do email blast
 5. Boats & Rafts – moved up the agenda
 6. Weeds and Algae- include ultrasonic units – L. Hennebury absent
 7. Communications – May 1st deadline for newsletter articles; passing out all passes beginning on May 21st, 8 to 10 am at Clubhouse; motion to accept Traci Neal as webmaster; R. DeCormier abstained as he had a business he is part owner in submit a bid
 8. Ordinances – D. O'Brien – need to add language about boat inspections as requested by D. Arnold to make sure we can enforce; D. O'Brien will double check with Mark Paul to see if it was omitted by mistake; must be publicized on website and in local newspapers before can enforce
 9. Security – J. LaFarrier – see attached; ATV has been doing donuts in Main Beach parking lot and zooming up and down Deepwood Drive – thinks the individual does not live here; young kids without drivers licenses are driving recreational vehicles around
 10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – need to do some work; April 30th Special Meeting has been posted; have estimates from BSA to do repairs; need to put something in ordinances about drainage issues on private roads; we have language under District Lands section of ordinances; BSA also submitted a bid for snow removal for same amount as last season
 11. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – we are up to date
- K. Receive Lake Management Reports – D. O'Brien – 2010 Lake Monitoring Report received from Dr. George Knocklein; get ideas from Dr. K as to what he wants to do for us moving forward; docks are slated to be installed on April 30th or May 7th, depending on weather
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
1. ALD Self Help Document – Keep on agenda next month
 2. Boat, Beach and Car Passes: Discuss Distribution Process - complete
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
1. "Enforcement of Ordinances" document – D. O'Brien to discuss with Mark Paul
 2. Board of Directors – review positions coming up for renewal in July – send email to D. O'Brien – need to reappoint D. Martin, J. Connor and D. Moorcroft
 3. ALA Budget Support Request – no discussion; all support
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting –Annual Meeting Agenda which is a copy of last year's agenda and duplicate this memo without Anita O'Connor
- O. Adjournment – J. Connor motioned to end the meeting at 9:38 pm, Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

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