

**AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
April 19, 2017  
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231  
[www.amstonlake.org](http://www.amstonlake.org)

**A. Roll call:** President M. Paul conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: M. Paul, F. Hoisl, R. Decormier, B. Pelegano, M. Gut, A. Connor and M. Grydon

**B. Call to order:** M. Paul called to order the regular meeting of the Amston Lake District at 7:04 PM on April 19, 2017 at ALA Clubhouse 16 Wood Acres Rd, Amston, Ct 06231.

M. Paul requested all Board members take notes of meeting minutes in light of vacancy in Clerk's position.

Special Recognition: R. Decormier read a letter from director Lou Lenti to the Board expressing his appreciation for the tributes and prayers on behalf of his wife and Board member Claire Lenti who passed unexpectedly in March after a brief illness. Lou will return to active duty on the Board in June. The Directors and guests observed a moment of silence to honor Claire.

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

Laurel Hennebury - suggested that the Board erect a memorial to Claire for her many contributions to the lake and its community. She spoke about the need to address the muddy situation at Cove Rd. ROW

Kevin Grady - asked about barley straw usage this year. (See agenda item)

Brett Harlow - spoke about his knowledge of the muddy area at Cove Rd. and the need to address that and other areas less we lose more lake front.

Bob Blackmore - spoke in support of the proposed pavilion. He submitted a FOIA (Freedom of Information) request to the Board regarding dredging and DEP recommendations obtained in prior years. M. Paul will follow up.

Carl Wool – spoke on a variety of issues including the security schedule, weir boards, duck pond issues like fence, possible beaver at work and posts sticking up, and need to have port-a-potty's installed. R. DeCormier to follow up. Also how to identify new residents who do not have passes and need to post notice of annual meeting. R. DeCormier to follow up.

Jerry Horan - spoke to request by law change at annual meeting to allow boats to remain on racks during the winter. M. Paul explained that this is an ordinance and handled by the Board in its regular course of business not by vote at annual meeting and that Board does seek legal advice and property owner feedback prior to making any ordinance changes.

Brett Harlow - informed the Board that the dock at the Main Beach needs repairs.

Sylvain Morin - asked if and when the bench at Ryan Terrace will be relocated.

Roger Krasusky – indicated his support for the proposed pavilion and suggested a committee to deal with boats and related issues.

Drew Gibson - reminded the Board that Claire is still listed as Clerk on the website. He authorized the Board to pay for the electrical work at the Main Beach and will send A. Connor, Treasurer, an email to confirm that the work has been completed to ALA's satisfaction. A. Connor presented him with the original Town building permit and approval of same. He noted that the clubhouse is not available for the Board to distribute beach passes on June 10<sup>th</sup>. R. Decormier will revise the schedule.

**D. Approval of minutes from February 15, 2017** – M. Gut moved, F. Hoisl 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 ayes, 2 abstains – Motion passes.

**E. President's Report:** Discussion regarding status of lot#182 being donated to ALD. Fee of \$18 approved to be paid. M. Paul to determine exact address of lot and status of sewer lien, if any.

**F. Tax Collector's Report dated April 12, 2017:** Report was distributed and discussed. No action taken.

**G. Treasurer's Report:** Financial statements as of and for the month and year to date period through March 31, 2017 were distributed and discussed. No action taken.

**H. Clerk's Report and Presentation of Correspondence: No report** - see note under C. above.

**I. Lake Management Reports:** F. Hoisl updated the Board as follows:

Barley straw – # Bales needed and who and when. A. Connor to determine from prior year invoice and email him. Board authorized \$250 to hire BASE Construction to place bales at Cove ROW, NE Cove, SW Cove (H13) and H11 as needed.

a. Lake management plan – need to hire lake scientist (G. Knocklein?) to update plan which is 5 years old. Obtained several quotes ranging from \$10 - \$20 K. Discussions will be ongoing. Biology teacher at RHAM High School contacted him regarding using students to help with water testing and other lake mgt. issues.

b. Dredging – M. Paul discussed areas in need of dredging. Discussion ensued with members and residents.

**J. Standing and Special Committees**

a. Lebanon Roads – M. Gut reported that volunteers are needed.

- b. Pavilion – M. Grydon discussed needs for presentation at annual meeting
- c. Security – B. Pelegano is in discussion with Securitas regarding the 2017 season schedule and cost. A. Connor requested that any residents performing security duties need to complete new w9's and submit to her. M. Grydon agreed to review form used to document time and improve it.
- d. Communications – R. Decormier updated Board on status on website enhancements and mass emailing to residents. Discussion ensued about welcome letters. A. Connor to ask tax collector to notify us of every new property owner throughout the year.
- e. Duck pond and main dam – F. Hoisl requested approval for assessment of duck pond dam \$1,200. R. Decormier moved. A. Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Motion passed.
- f. Boats/Docks/Rafts – R. Decormier to distribute and post schedule for passes/tags. He has secured volunteers to distribute them.
- g. Beaches/ROW's – R. Decormier has secured a resident volunteer, Maureen Dagon, to monitor upkeep including mowing of these areas and report to us on them. Discussion of signage was deferred until June so that Lou Lenti can be part of the discussion. Temporary signs for annual meeting and beach pass schedule will be put up.
- h. Finance - M. Gut asked all to give 2017-218 budget another review before finalizing at May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cost of any potential Lebanon Road projects was discussed. A. Connor to contact Town Halls and obtain tax lists on May 1 to verify voting at May 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. M. Grydon to verify Clubhouse is reserved. There will be at least three Director seats to vote on. R. Decormier's term is expiring June 30 2017, M. Grydon's partial term is also expiring June 30, 2017 and C. Lenti's seat needs to be filled (term ending June 2019)
- i. Calendar of tasks – R. Decormier reviewed the calendar. Motion to extend grass cutting contract with Mike Baldi at same price as 2016 made by R. Decormier, M. Gut 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstain. Motion passed

R. Decormier will revise beach pass schedule and send out. A. Connor offered to assist in their distribution if needed.

R. Decormier needs directors to submit newsletter content to him by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Beachcombing – the Board will wait to decide on adding more sand to the beaches (see quotes) until M. Paul can review condition of beaches.

Carl Wool will perform gate monitoring as last year.

**K. Old Business** – Answering service: Nothing to report. Item deferred to subsequent meeting

**L. New business** –

- a. Ideas for a memorial for Claire were discussed. The Board will wait for Lou Lenti's input before proceeding.
- b. M. Grydon – Meet the Board videos. Cost to produce will be \$900. No action taken.
- c. Dredging – ideas about how to educate residents about it were discussed. No action taken.

**M. Prepare next meeting agenda:** No other business added.

**N. Adjournment:** B. Pelegano moved to adjourn, M. Gut 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed. M. M. Paul adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Anita Connor, Treasurer