

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES
December 16, 2015 7:00 P. M.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231
www.amstonlake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

M. Paul, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, D. Martin, B. Lederer, B. Pelegano, M. Gut, L. Lenti,
C. Lenti

B. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 P. M.

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

No comments.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

L. Lenti made a motion to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes. M. Gut seconded.
Seven board members approved, two abstained.

E. Receive President's Report:

The long term plan for Lake Management was sent to all board members. Discussions
and small meetings will begin in January. All dredging has been completed. The weir
boards have been replaced. Concerning long term plans, another meeting with the
towns will be scheduled soon.

We need to begin discussing the budget, also.

The new board is doing well. M. Paul will be absent for two meetings in the Spring.

F. Hoisl will preside at those meetings.

F. Receive Treasurer's Report:

The yearly financial report ending on June 30, 2015 was handed out to board
members. The treasurer and accountant met and discussed issues relating to the report
and an explanation was given. A booklet will be sent to both Hebron and Lebanon town
halls.

The yearly balance sheet report for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was handed out and
discussed.

Anita Connor, accountant, explained the difference between the Economic Resources
focus (exhibits A and B) and the Current Financial Resources focus (exhibits C and D,
schedules 1, 2, and 3) in the financial report for the year ending June 30, 2015 booklet.

A question about changing the fiscal year (i.e. October 1 to Sept 30) was asked. It is
possible, but would have to be explored further. Also, our taxes should offset our
budget and must be discussed further.

The monthly financial report was also explained. November and December are not busy months other than the dredging projects this year.
The financial report is on the website.

G. Receive Tax Collector's Report:

The tax Collector's report was read by the president. All information is on the website.

H. Receive Clerk's Report:

Emails were sent to residents on the following:

1. The second tax payment is due in January.
2. Break-ins on the Lebanon side of the lake.

I. Presentation of Correspondence:

Emails were received concerning turning the heat down when leaving the clubhouse, guidance on water hook-up from Shane Speight and information from Marge Nichols on Ryan Terrance update and asking for guidance on a pavilion survey, etc.

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals and Objectives:

The document on lake goals needs to be updated in the near future. New goals and objectives can be added which will tie into the long term plan. Also, we need to meet with Dr. Knoecklein again.

Weeds and Algae---an email was sent to Domenic Meringolo, ACT (Aquatic Control Technology), to begin the permitting process for spraying this year. Areas need to be identified. These areas will be listed on the permit. At the end of August/beginning of September, D.Meringolowill enter the lake (with a gas engine) for a site visit to target the areas for treatment. The area North of Lollipop walkway cannot be sprayed because it is within 200 feet of a well. These weeds, etc. would have to be removed manually. We need to determine how to do this difficult job. The intent is not to clear the entire lake of weeds, etc. but to treat the surface and retard the growth into wetlands. The half-life of the treatment is a couple days and then the treatment is done.

The dredging at Cove Row has been completed with very good results. Large sink holes and other issues have been addressed. The right of way has been cleaned and looks very good, also. The Ames Road dredging is also completed with excellent results. The contractor removed 2 ½ times more material than expected. Because of the extra amount of work done (above contract), a motion was made by M. Gut for an additional payment of \$3500 and seconded by L. Lenti. All approved.

Carl Wool suggested that when large jobs are contracted in the future, that a contact person be on call.

Storm drains/H-11-----no report.

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

Lebanon Roads

Items accomplished include the second roadway project which was completed including Wildwood Road, the berm at Bush Road was removed, and additional maintenance bids

to clean out ditches have been requested. The next steps include leaf cleanout in ditches and assessment of catch basins. This should be added to the calendar for yearly work needed. Additional projects will take place in spring when road conditions are assessed. The snow plowing contract will also be monitored.

Pavilion

A draft of a survey has been written. The committee needs guidance on wording, and if cash incentives should be added etc. before sending it to residents possibly in February. The results then can be brought to the annual meeting.

Security

The traffic committee met and recommends putting stop signs around the lake at certain points. We could have 20 signs @\$85 each, two per intersection at all intersections. A meeting with the towns of Hebron and Lebanon is necessary to see if they will help with costs, etc. More discussion and input is needed by residents who live by certain intersections. The board is supportive and after the committee meets with the towns, the next steps can be taken. Discussion followed.

Last year winter security went well. By the next meeting, winter security should be in place. A question was asked on how many break-ins occurred in Lebanon. The answer was about 4 break-ins. The police did speak with some residents.

Most boats have been removed from the ROWs and beaches. A catamaran chained to a canoe is still on Lollipop and a catamaran and boat are still on the Main Beach. Another call will be made to the owners. If the boats are not removed by the owners this weekend, we will have to move them and charge the owners.

Dam/ Duck Pond

The state registration forms for the dams have been completed with help from Karl Acimovic, engineering consultant. They will be sent to DEEP.

Communications

The updating of the website (changes, additions, deletions, rearranging items) is still a work in progress.

Boats, Docks, and Rafts

See info under security.

The mooring committee had a discussion with suggestions on cost rates, etc. Hopefully, this information will be brought to the next meeting.

Beaches and ROW's

The leaves were removed and the areas look good. The clerk will contact the H. S. Plaut Environmental Co. and find costs for sifting the sand on the beaches this Spring.

Snowplowing the parking lots will be discussed at the next meeting---no snow yet.

Finance

M.Paul and M. Gut will meet in January to begin a discussion on finances.

Calendar and Tasks

We are up to date on tasks. Not much on the calendar for December.

L. Old Business---Discussion and Possible Action:

No report.

M. New Business---Discussion and Possible Action:

We need a list of people who would volunteer to help with tasks. Some tasks may be for one or two days only and other tasks would require a committee (Lake Health). We need a list of tasks that residents can look at and sign up for. Can call residents to see if they would help with anything or put a list on the website. Discussion followed.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting:

Add the following:

Discussion of the security survey results

Begin the budget process discussion

Discussion on the long term plan for projects.

O. Adjournment:

B. Lederer made a motion to adjourn. M. Gut seconded. All approved.

The meeting ended at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District