

**AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
February 17, 2016 7:00 P. M.  
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231  
[www.amstonlake.org](http://www.amstonlake.org)

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

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

Absent: B. Lederer, D. Martin

**B. Call to Order:**

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

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

Carl Wool, 182 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

Good news. The lake is above normal winter height. Right now, it is about 8 inches below the top of the dam. Two weir boards were removed to keep the water level at 12 inches below the top of the dam.

Dave Bareiss, 151 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon, CT

There is a problem with water runoff near Ryan Terrance. The water crosses over the road, goes onto residents' properties, and then travels down the right of way. It freezes in the winter. Could a catch basin be put in to collect the water? We could work with the town of Lebanon to fix this problem. Resident brought pictures of the area. Comment from a resident: The trench that is in place now wasn't compacted properly. It can be fixed. Should we approach the town or should we do it ourselves?

Ron Niemczyk, 33 Kelly's Corner, Lebanon, CT

Had a similar position with a water problem in front of his home. We could have a representative from the board meet with the town of Lebanon. At present, we have no one.

Comment: We have a good relationship with the town of Hebron, but not so with Lebanon. The Lebanon Road committee should be involved also. Dave Bareiss offered to help and be on the committee which would include a board member and a Lebanon Road committee member.

Is there a regulation on placing signs advertising commercial business in residents' yards?

Comment: We need to check with the towns on zoning, etc. and use an active approach.

**D. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

F. Hoisl made a motion to approve the January 20, 2016 minutes. L. Lenti seconded. Six board members approved, one abstained.

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

The president met with the Town of Hebron on February 10, 2016 to discuss the list of projects on the long term plan. The discussion included the town's work on catch basins and H-11, etc. and the ALD's work on the dredging projects. Once the town comes up with their budget and decides what it is going to do, the ALD district can budget what it will do. Testing of phosphorus loading the lake, especially upstream and H-4, H-6, H--11, etc. is necessary. When the testing is completed, the results will be discussed at the next meeting with the town. We must be careful of putting decomposing leaves and debris into the lake.

Kevin Kelly, public works, will be paving two ends of Deepwood Drive on the Hebron side where the CT Water Co. is NOT working. When the CT Water Co. has completed their work, then the rest of Deepwood Drive will be paved.

Two meetings with board members concerning the long term plan were held.

Everything is going well and good inroads were made.

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

Cash balances are going down since taxes have been reduced in past years. Expenses are usual for the month of January. Discussion followed. All information is on the website. A motion was made by M. Gut to eliminate the hard copy statement from TD Bank since all information can be obtained on line. L. Lenti seconded. All approved.

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

No report for January was received.

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

Playing phone tag with H. R. Plaut on sand sifting the beaches this spring. Will keep trying.

**I. Presentation of Correspondence:**

Emails were received concerning the tax collector's resignation at the end of the year, a resident wished to be added to the mass email list, and placing sand on the Lebanon roads.

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

B. Pelegano will follow up with ACT periodically concerning the weed treatment to be done in September and keep up to date on permits needed.

Dredging is completed and long term plans are in discussion.

**K. Consider and Act Upon standing and Special Committee Reports:**

Lebanon Roads

The snowplowing contract is being met. The committee has received positive feedback. A few concerns have been addressed. The sanding of the hills on Ledge and Beech Roads will be done on a regular basis. The sanding of all roads was needed twice so far which is not included in the contract. The plowing of the roads in some areas could be wider but the contractor is concerned with damaging the edge of the gravel roads.

Approximately half of the total length of the roads have been brought into a condition of good repair. Continued work on the rest will take place in the spring. The roads will be assessed in the spring and a priority list will be made based on the remaining budget. The committee will meet to begin to prepare a proposed budget.

Residents are invited to join the Lebanon road committee.

Pavilion

No report

Security

Two certified letters were sent to the owners of the boats left on the Main Beach and Lollipop Beach. Neither of the residents signed for the letters. Since all due process has been completed, the boats can be removed. Discussion followed.

Dam/ Duck Pond

Contact has been made with three vendors who do dam inspections and repair.

Proposals can be written. Since the dams were just inspected, a meeting with Karl Acimovic, engineering consultant, is needed. Discussion followed.

A check of the weed growth along the earthen part of the duck pond dam needs to be monitored. Possibly fabric and grass can be added to retard the growth of the weeds.

The brush behind the main dam needs to be monitored, also.

Communications

Suggestions for some changes to the website were given to the board. R. DeCormier and B. Pelegano will meet to discuss the changes to the website. A new boat pass sign-up sheet is being written.

Boats, Docks, and Rafts

A suggestion to put the boats left on the beaches at the trailer parking area was made. The owners can be billed for the work done. Discussion followed.

Mooring: A letter is being written to bring the committee together and continue with the discussion, get a consensus, and present it to the board and then to the community.

Example: Add spaces to existing docks. With delivery and assembly, it could cost \$8000-\$10,000.

#### Beaches and Row's

Spring clean-up has been approved which includes general cleanup of row's and beaches, removing debris, brush removal, pruning, etc.

The sign at the Main beach near the road is in disrepair. In the warmer weather, it will be removed and brought into better condition.

#### Finances

A meeting was held and a handout was given to the board which lists expenditures for the last five years. An average was taken for five years as well as for the last three years. This will help estimate the budget for next year. The board will look at the handout and check if estimates of each category are acceptable and look for any costs that are questionable. We need to be as straightforward and honest as possible.

Discussion followed.

#### Calendar and Tasks

Passes have been ordered. Newsletter entries are due by April 15. The contract for grass cutting is coming up.

#### **L. Old Business—discussion and possible Action:**

Keep Long term plan and budget process in old business.

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

The tax collector will post a job description and hopefully a candidate will be identified by the annual meeting.

#### **N. Prepare Agenda for next Meeting:**

Nothing to add.

#### **O. Adjournment:**

B. Pelegano made a motion to adjourn. L. Lenti seconded. All approved.

The meeting ended at 9:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District

