

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES

February 15, 2017, 7:00P.M.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231
www.amstonlake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

Max Gryden, Frank Hoisl, Mark Paul, Brandon Pelegano, Mike Gut
Absent: R. DeCormier, A. Connor, 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 owner's petitions

- Carl Wool 182 Deepwood Drive, Hebron:
someone plowed the lawn of the old firehouse lot. A resident volunteered to put stones (free of charge) at property edge to prevent cars from using it as a parking lot. Mark was going to contact Brett and agreed to let the resident place stones along the property
- The water is 1.5" below the spillway at the main dam

D. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- Mike made motion to approve previous month's meeting minutes, Frank seconded: approved, one abstention(Brandon)

E. Receive President's report

- Mark plans to follow-up with the district lawyer on the donation of land (located between 355 and 356 deepwood drive) to the district by the Bankoski family, suggested that the balance of any property taxes after the transfer be replayed to the family and district will cover the cost of the title search
- Mark spoke to the Town Manager of Hebron Andy Tierney, about the grant the town will receive to remediate the old gas station property located in the district. Indicated that the district will not stand in the way of the town's plan to remediate the sight and return it to the district when completed

F. Receive Treasurers and tax collectors report

- None received(Anita absent from meeting)

G. Receive Clerk's report

None received (Claire absent from meeting)

H. Presentation of correspondence

- None received (Claire absent from meeting)

I. Receive Lake management reports/review goals and objective

- Contacted lake management companies to receive proposals for recommendations pertaining to lake health management activities
- Requested a proposal from Karl Acomovic on recommendations to repair the duck pond dam
- Within the next 2 weeks, Mark plans to set up a meeting with dredging contractors to walk them through the areas of our next dredging activities . Would like to get estimates within the next 5-6 weeks so we can place them into the next budget discussions
- Brandon had the name of another contractor who could perform dredging and will provide it to Mark
- Mark provided a list of activities that the town of Hebron has done related to storm drain cleanup. Wanted to acknowledge that they did a lot of work for the district

J. Consider and act upon standing and special committee's reports

Lebanon roads:

Mike contacted Brett to let him know he is the Board's POC for all road related activities. Will follow up with Anita on approving any invoices for the recent snow removal activities

Pavilion:

Max provided the final Pavilion status report (attached to the minutes). The current estimated cost for material, installation is \$74,504,00 with an additional maintenance charge of \$1650.00/yr with a onetime \$200 optional power washer purchase. There was a also ~\$350 optional one time insurance fee to cover the site and materials during construction.

Please review the attached file for all the details.

Some questions raised about life expectancy of the structure and would it be acceptable to align roofing life expectancy with building life expectancy. "Let's not put a 50 year roof on a 20 year building... might be a way to reduce overall costs as well" Some concerns that the plan does not include picnic tables at this time. Lastly, there was a question about how it will be used, reservations? first come first served, birthday parties, weddings. There needs to be a "usage plan" provided when the recommendation is brought in front of the district

Security:

Brandon indicated that there is still one catamaran left on the main beach and he is going to contact Evan to get a price to have it removed. Brandon indicated that the owner has been notified that he is in violation and a fine and the moving cost will be at

the owner's expense. Lake has only been frozen for 3 days so there has been very little security surrounding ice fishing activities.

Communication:

Mark to contact Ray to develop a marketing plan

Boats/Docks/Rafts:

None received (Lou absent from meeting)

Beaches and ROWs:

Max to take another review of the signage and make a final recommendation to the board.

Finances:

Reviewed finances from Mike's recent summary spreadsheet. Mark to get prices for dredging projects and add them to the budget projects list. If we get feedback from the town of Hebron that there is nothing else they can do to H-11 to prevent significant flow into the lake then we should move forward on the dredging projects or can we just remove the existing sand from the area short of dredging the entire area. The board's goals should be to get 80% budget by March and 95% by April meeting

K. Old Business:

Discussion on answering services with the resident in attendance. If we go this route, we should establish a purpose for the calls, such as trees down Vs emergencies when 911 should be contacted. We need to establish reasonable call return times. The board was questioning the need for this service.

L. New Business

Max made the motion to add new business to the agenda, Mike seconded it.

1. Discussion on a community garden and how that might benefit the community
2. Create a meet the board video, that can be accessed as part of the website, could be used to get to know the board members and discuss important topics. Max to expand on the video idea at the next meeting

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frank, Seconded by Max.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Frank Hoisl, Vice President
Amston Lake District