

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

MINUTES

January 20, 2016 7:00 PM

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, B. Lederer, B. Pelegano, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

Absent: M. Gut, 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:

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

The brush at Bush Road and West Island Beach Road areas have been cleared. Opening up the rock wall in the trailer parking area is a good idea. Trailers can pass through with less difficulty. However, the original entrance has a large stump and another large stump is in the parking area. They should be removed or ground down so more people can utilize the area. It might cost \$600-\$800 to grind the stumps.

Comment: Can check cost of both grinding the stumps and removing the stumps. Ron will check the prices.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

B. Lederer made a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes.

R. DeCormier seconded. Six board members approved, one abstained.

E. Receive President's Report:

One meeting/discussion of the Long Term Plan was held and another meeting will take place on the weekend. The president has a meeting with the Town of Hebron to discuss what the town will contribute to parts of the Long Term Plan, such as the H-11 area.

We also need to think about the budget for next year and committees need to check costs. A list of actual budget costs for the past five fiscal years have been compiled for each category. An average of the costs will help adjust next year's budget.

The president will be absent for two meetings this spring. F. Hoisl will be acting president.

F. Receive Treasurer's Report:

The financial report for December 2015 was handed out to board members. Our balance is straightforward. Discussion of report followed. 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:

A list for spring cleanup is being written. Since there has been no snow yet, plowing of parking lots is not necessary. A call was made to H. R. Plaut Company for beach sand sifting and still waiting for a call back. The second notice for taxes due was sent to residents and the financial reports for year ending June 30, 2015 were sent to both Hebron and Lebanon.

I. Presentation of Correspondence:

Email from one resident inquiring if there was any more news on break-ins in the area.

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

Weeds and Algae—no report.

Dredging—has been completed and looks very good. The lake is beginning to fill up.

H-11—meetings have begun. The president has a meeting with the Town of Hebron to discuss what the town will do /contribute to the Long Term Plans.

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

Lebanon Roads

The roadside ditches have been cleaned out. They are in great shape. Approximately half of the roads have been brought into a condition of good repair and work on the rest of the roads will take place in the spring.

The next steps include assessing the roads in the spring after winter plowing and a priority list will be made based upon the remaining budget.

Also, a log is maintained including comments, what has been accomplished and what should be done in future.

Pavilion

No report.

Security

Traffic safety---the next step is to meet with each town to discuss traffic safety.

Survey results---about 20 % of the residents responded to the security survey. The majority of respondents feel safe at the lake. Some concerns include unauthorized people/cars on the beaches and ROW's, animals on the beaches and ROW's, drinking/noisiness, and people after hours. Some suggestions for improvement include more hours, guards at the ROW's, a contact number, more police presence, signs stating that the area is monitored, etc.

A summary of the survey results will be on the website soon.

Dam, Duck Pond

Letters were received from DEEP stating that both the Amston Lake Dam and the Ostrager Pond Dam are registered in compliance with section 22a-409(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes and is on file with the agency.

Discussion of the duck pond dam followed. We need to review the duck pond dam---is a repair needed? F. Hoisl will investigate this issue.

Communications

By the next meeting, B. Pelegano will have completed the changes to the website and will update the website.

Boats, Docks, and Rafts

Some boat racks need painting this spring.

A catamaran is still on the Main Beach and a canoe is chained to a catamaran at Lollipop Beach. Calls have been made and the owners promised to remove them but nothing has been done. Discussion followed. We could have them moved to the resident's yard and charge the residents a fine. A registered letter will be sent.

Mooring---Discussion on adding an area to moor boats, fees to offset cost of more docks, etc.

Action plan is to revisit the mooring committee, find dollar amounts and bring to residents for a vote. Bring the recommendations to the next meeting.

Beaches and ROW's

Will try to contact company for sifting sand on the Main Beach again.

A question was raised about adding more sand to all the ROW's. Discussion followed.

Also, there are many signs on the beaches and Row's. Some are old, tacked to trees, torn, broken, etc. Maybe all the information can be put together on one sign. C. Lenti will investigate/assess the signs we have now.

Finance

A committee is to be formed to discuss finances and budgeting process. Hopefully, results will be brought to the next meeting.

Calendar and Tasks

January is a quiet month. We are doing well. Appraising and updating the handbook is a process that takes a while with a good amount of work. This is done every three years or so.

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

No report.

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

Discussion of the budget process has begun and will continue.

One meeting on the long term plan for projects has taken place and more are scheduled.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting.

Change new business at January's meeting to old business for February's meeting.

O. Adjournment:

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

The meeting ended at 9:14 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District