

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

MINUTES

January 18, 2017

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231

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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

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

Absent: A. Connor, B. Pelegano

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, 184 Deepwood Dr. Amston, CT.

The water has been running over the spillway. Right now it is within an inch of going over the weir boards. Since there is no ice, there is no ice fishing, therefore security has not been needed for that purpose. I suggest the chain be closed at the Main Beach because the trench for the electrical pipe can be a safety hazard if it snows.

Comment: Carl will take care of the chain at the Main Beach.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by M. Gut to approve the December 14, 2017 minutes. Seconded by F. Hoisl. All approved. Motion passed.

E. Receive President's Report:

On January 3rd the president attended small claims court concerning the fireworks claim. He received a judgement from the court stating that the resident did not meet the requirements for the claim against Amston Lake. However, the judgement was against the resident who ignited the fireworks. "No fireworks" will be added to the new signs which will be placed at the ROW's. A notice will be placed in the newsletter as well as an email blast to remind residents about fireworks. A suggestion was made to invite the police to patrol the area around July 4th. The president received a call from A. Tierney concerning the Hebron Service station on ALD property. The town wants to foreclose on this property and remediate the area. Subsequently it will be returned to the Hebron and the ALD rolls. The ALD will waive the tax lien on the property and Hebron will receive a grant for the remediation. Adam Cohen, lawyer for ALD, will send a letter to the Town of Hebron stating the ALD will release the lien and the town will take ownership during the remediation.

F. Receive Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Report:

The treasurer's report was handed out to the board. The Lebanon road fund is in good shape. Not much snow has fallen so far. A provision for sanding on Ledge Rd and Beech Rd will be

added to the snowplowing contract. If there are any questions on the report, refer them to the treasurer next month.

December deposits were \$7316.81. The collection for the year to date was \$141,716.08.

December was a busy month due to the January 1st payments. Notices for the January tax that is due were posted at both town halls, the ALA clubhouse, and the community bulletin boards.

G. Receive Clerk's Report:

A certificate of approval for the electricity on the Main Beach-200 amps was received from the Town of Hebron. A P & Z meeting was held concerning a year round home on 119 Deepwood Dr. Hebron, CT. The second Amston Lake tax installment is due in January.

H. Presentation of Correspondence:

An email blast was sent to residents concerning the Lake Health Management plan and the first draft of the budget was received by the board for discussion.

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

An outline of the Lake Health Management report was emailed to residents. Several responses were received and good questions asked. The next step is to enhance the outline which can be reviewed in the future. The purpose is to have a Lake Health Plan in writing for future boards. Information is needed from vendors on the future dredging projects. L. Lenti will contact the vendors to make appointments for a walk thru of the dredging areas.

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

Lebanon Roads

Residents are needed to add to the Lebanon road committee. The vendor will contact M. Gut for snow plowing and sanding approvals.

Pavilion

M. Grydon handed a report to the board. The minimum annual insurance premium is \$690.20. The estimated annual maintenance is \$2554.20 for the year. (\$212.85 monthly) which includes electricity and a security system. The committee has not come to a consensus regarding maintenance. A proposal for the reduction of the pavilion size is being discussed. The benefits include less impact on Main Beach activities and construction costs. A security system has also been discussed. But this will not be a significant factor in overall structure cost. Soil testing will be required. The wetlands fee (\$130) and the Zoning application fee (\$150) fall within the previous estimates. Pending approval, the community will vote on which way the pavilion should face, etc. Discussion followed.

Security

No report

Communications

The yearly task list has been placed in booklet form. Also, a “no fireworks” email will be sent to residents at the appropriate time.

Dam/ Duck Pond

F. Hoisl will look at the draft of the report from Karl Acimovic.

Nothing new to report.

Boats, Docks, and Rafts

Repair is needed on the stairs where the boat docks are attached at both the Main Beach and Lollipop Beach. They are rotting and have become a safety hazard. A quote will be requested.

Beaches and ROWs

Ryan Terrace needs more discussion. The president does not want to remove the beach nor expand it. There are some issues with the content and volume of the sand as well as displacement of the sand into lake. The area where brush was removed needs attention and it has been requested that the boat racks be moved closer to the lake. ROW maintenance guidelines need to be stated in the future.

The trailer parking area needs to be addressed. It will be added to the agenda. Should a charge for parking be applied? “Not responsible for damage” signs might be needed, also.

New signs for all ROWs are in the final stages of discussion.

The spring/summer cleanup list is currently being written.

A motion was made by R. DeCormier to discuss filling the empty ALD board position. Seconded by L Lenti. All approved. Motion passed.

Max Grydon stated why he would like to join the board and that he would be an asset and would help where he could.

A motion was made by R. DeCormier for Max Grydon to become a member of the ALD board until June 30, 2017. Seconded by M. Gut. All approved. Motion passed.

Finance

The first draft of the 2017-2018 budget was discussed by the board. Changes will be made and presented at the next board meeting.

Calendar and Tasks

A new booklet was handed to the board listing all tasks and when they are to be performed.

K. Old Business---Discussion and Possible Actions:

Nothing to add.

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

Nothing to add.

M. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting:

Add trailer parking area to Boats, Docks, and Rafts.

N. Adjournment:

A motion was made by L. Lenti to adjourn. Seconded by M. Gut. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District