

**AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**

June 15, 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, R. DeCormier, L. Lenti, B. Pelegano, B. Lederer, M. Gut, C. Lenti  
Absent: F. Hoisl, D. Martin

**B. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

Carl Wool, 182 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

Several incidents have occurred in the last month which include dead fish on a stringer left on the beach and speeding issues. The police and the state police have been patrolling the ALD area and running radar. They ask residents to slow down.

Suggestion: Wear reflective clothing or carry a glow stick, or flashlight, when walking along Deepwood Drive at night. Consider a camera for the beaches. Ask residents to watch and report issues.

Also, who do we call to report lake issues?

Comment: Board members can be assigned to oversee certain tasks.

Jerry Horan, 7 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

There is a bee problem at Oakland row and, also, poison ivy growth.

Comment: The bee problem will be taken care of and the spraying of poison ivy is already in process.

Concerning the boat inspections: residents who own boats should pay for putting in and taking out the boats. Some are put in and out all the time. And the ramp at Lollipop is in need of repair. Discussion followed.

Al Fichtel, 203 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

New beaches have been installed at two residents' houses. Also, on the North shore, there is a boat on land with an expired sticker. Last year, we had the same issue.

Since there are many broken down mailboxes in the ALD area, we might consider condo-like mailboxes.

Dave Arnold, 34 Ames Road, Amston, CT

There are some issues with the docks: A boy was hurt and received stitches diving off the docks. At the Main Beach, a boat rammed the dock and raised a burr. I cut all the burr off the docks.

I suggest that boats back into place and attach bumpers. The old poles have holes and some need caps. I can cover the holes with tape and add caps. I checked the mooring at Lollipop. The

concrete blocks are adequate. Some floats are cracked. We could use another float. Our primary purpose for paying for space is to pay for the racks, keep the weeds out, etc. Others may try to sneak a boat into the lake. And, markers are needed near the island and should be kept in the lake year round. Three or four will cost about \$150.

Comment: All good suggestions. Can use the barbell weights in the shed. And get the cost of the markers, etc.

Gail Golden, 203 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

The docks are not for playing or diving. If kids are diving off the dock, then we need a "keep off" sign.

Bob Blackmore, 5 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

I checked DEEP about spraying herbicide for certain aquatic plants. A resident who owns part of the lake bottom was not included in the permit.

Comment: the permit is very selective on which areas are to be treated. All the results will be on the website.

Concerning boat inspections: some boats are not registered and/or are not safe.

Comment: our ordinances state that all residences must follow state regulations. Each individual is responsible for their own boat. We only inspect for weeds that could enter the lake not for safety. We need someone to oversee the lake, weeds, etc.

There has been conflicting comments on what Dr. Knocklein has done for the lake. M. Paul has spoken with Dr. Knocklein recently and Amston Lake is still an active client. All the work that is done for the lake is under the suggestion /direction of Dr. Knocklein.

Kevin Grady, 199 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

Barley straw needs to be removed from some yards.

Comment: M. Paul spoke with D. Martin who will take care of the barley straw.

H-11 has a ton of sand. Are there any plans for dredging the area?

Comment: Dredging will occur next summer after the town completes its work in the area this summer.

Also, we need someone to call who can respond to an event (accident), etc. Sometimes, an immediate response is necessary.

**D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by M. Gut to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes. Seconded by L. Lenti.

Six members approved, one abstained.

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

Thank you to Barbara Lederer and Dave Martin for their contributions to the board.

The budget has been passed and the Long term plan is in place. We need to improve communications, reinforce some items on the ordinances and remind residents to read the ordinances. We do need a contact person so residents know who to call for certain cases. Also, a board member is needed to oversee lake tasks, (weeds and alga, water testing, etc.) and other tasks.

Comment: each task/committee needs a charter stating the scope of each task.

Discussion followed.

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

Approximately \$1000 has been spent in the last fiscal year on boats entering and exiting the lake.

The treasurer is working with the new treasurer toward a smooth transition. All financial information is on the website.

Discussion followed on items in the financial report.

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

The president read the report from the tax collector. All information will be on the website.

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

Emails were sent to residents concerning alga bloom and pass dates.

Passes were given out last Friday to 125 people. Check signs around the lake for dates that residents can obtain passes.

**I. Presentation of Correspondence:**

Emails were received concerning buying/selling a lot on Kelly's Corner, an idea for a new bench, and trespassing on the rock area near Ames Road.

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

Received first bill for fall treatment of the lake. The spraying this fall will remove some weeds for the enjoyment of the lake. It is selective in some areas so the lake will remain in balance.

What we do to the lake is a result of Dr. Knocklein's directives and professional opinion.

As mentioned, dredging will take place next summer after the town completes their work.

**K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committee's Reports:**

Lebanon roads

A large tree that fell was removed for \$800. The continuation of Lebanon road repair will begin soon.

Pavilion

No report

Security

The Securitas guards will be on duty 11:00-5:00 Saturdays, Sundays, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. Six more guards have been hired to scan the beaches and rows randomly. The guards have "Amston Lake Security" shirts.

Carl Wool will do extra runs Fridays and Saturdays after 9:00 P.M. We need new signs on the rows to enforce, or threaten, towing of cars with no passes.

Dam/Duck Pond

No report

#### Communications

A committee was formed to coordinate signage in the ALD area.

A plan is needed to remind residents of critical issues.

#### Boats, Docks, and Rafts

Applications for space at the docks are on the website and are on a first come, first served basis. Some boats on the lake may not be owned by residents. Passes cannot be sold nor are they transferable. Discussion followed.

New docks are in place at Lollipop Beach.

A motion was made by R. DeCormier for spending up to \$200 for buoys and accessories to the dock. Seconded by B. Lederer. All approved.

#### Beaches and Rows

The sand on the Main Beach was sifted on May 20. The poison ivy/weed spraying is in progress. Meadowbrook row is completed and the grass is growing. Residents are asked not to walk on the new grass for a few weeks.

A request was made by L. Lenti to have DEEP do a fish survey this fall. All approved.

#### Finance

No report

#### Calendar and Tasks.

We are up to date on the tasks.

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

Nothing to report

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

Need to have a meeting on changing, adding to, and updating some wording in the ordinances. Also, to simplify what procedures to take if ordinances are not followed.

Boat docking issues were discussed. It has always been difficult to enforce some regulations, etc. Discussion followed.

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

Nothing to add.

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

B. Lederer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District