

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

June 21, 2017

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

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1. **Roll call:** President M. Paul conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: M. Paul, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, M. Pelegano, L. Lenti, A. Connor and M. Grydon
2. **Call to order:** M. Paul called to order the regular meeting of the Amston Lake District at 7:05 P.M.
  - F. Hoisl and A. Connor agreed to take minutes in light of continuing vacancy in Clerk's position.
3. **Recognition of Other Guests, Residents and Property Owners:**
  - A. Joyce Clark of 6 Deepwood Drive Lebanon thanked several members of the Board for their attention and quick response to her request that the Northeast Cove area including the plunge pool be looked at. She requested a status report on that issue and on the water tests recently conducted.
  - B. Candy Kozlak of Woodside Rd. Hebron shared her observations of the Annual meeting, and offered suggestions for next year particularly the balloting process and the set-up of the room.
  - C. Jerry Horan of 7 Rondaly Rd. Hebron shared his observations of the May Annual Meeting and offered suggestions regarding the information to be handed out, the quality of the projected images and requests that vote counters should not be Board members. He also remarked that he believed some residents did not understand the implications of their approval of the budget vis a vis the \$50,000 allocated for projects which had not yet been approved. .
4. **Approval of minutes from May 17, 2017** – R. DeCormier moved to approve with correction; B. Pelegano seconded. (Correction was that Margery Nichols comments should have stated that she was thanking the pavilion committee members, not Board members.) Motion passed.
5. **President's Report:** M. Paul thanked Ray for his many years of service to the Board. This is his last meeting as a Director. On July 1, three new members will join the Board. He reviewed the algae bloom in the Southeast Cove and the purchase of a parachute skimmer to address the problem. The affected homeowners assisted him and his son and all were pleased with the results. The skimmer cost \$150 and will be available to residents to use for skimming both algae and leaves from the lake as needed.

**6. Tax Collector's Report :**

- A. Report was distributed and read. There was no discussion
- B. Discussion of ramifications of Town of Hebron's foreclosure of Hebron Service Station and our forgiveness of back taxes on the property.
- C. A. Connor reported on email correspondence from resident asking for tax refund like Town of Hebron provides. She recommended a \$25 thank you in lieu of that. R. DeCormier moved that ALD pay a \$25 thank you for your service to each resident volunteer fireman. B. Pelegano seconded. Motion passed.

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Financial statements as of and for the month and year to date period through May 31, 2017 were distributed and discussed in detail. See attached list of motions made and passed.
- B. A. Connor is working with Fire Department to settle issue of \$25 thank you from the District.

**8. Clerk's Report and Presentation of Correspondence:**

- A. No report.
- B. Correspondence included a request if anyone has a sailboat to rent out for a day and the list of firefighters eligible for the thank you.

**9. Lake Management Reports:** F. Hoisl updated the Board as follows:

Contacted Dr. George Knoecklein looking for his recommendations on moving forward with a lake management plan. I believe it is in the best interest to move forward and engage Dr. Knoecklein; he has legacy experience that can be leveraged. Dr. Knoecklein indicated that for this year we should continue to collect water samples and have them analyzed, engage in an invasive plants survey in Aug/Sep. and monitor lake water levels. In 2018 we should resurvey the lake. Working with Al Fichtel to collect water samples and Miriah Kelly to get them tested at the UCONN extension.

Frank made 2 motions: First was to spend up to \$2200.00 to clean out the retention pool in the northeast cove by 5 Deepwood Drive and to clear out the brush from the road to the water's edge. A. Connor seconded. Motion passed. Second was to spend up to \$2475.00 to find the end of the concrete pipe behind the boat racks on the west side of the entrance to lollipop beach, clean out the pipe to Deepwood drive, install a retention pool, then dig a trench to the water's edge. L. Lenti seconded. Motion passed

Anita offered to secure permission from Kevin Connor to access his property near 5 Deepwood to be able to clean out the brush to the water's edge from the plunge pool

#### 10. **Standing and Special Committees**

- A. Lebanon Roads – no report
- B. Pavilion – no report
- C. Security – B. Pelegano trying to finalize contract with Bennett Security. He has given them more time to produce the certificate of insurance. Other options were discussed. No Parking signs need to be repositioned so they are more obvious.
- D. Communications – R. DeCormier to send out email blast about fireworks policy.
- E. Duck pond and main dam – F.Hoisl indicated that we received the Feasibility Analysis for the Duck Pond Dam from Karl Acimovic, will provide copies to the Board. No immediate action is required, but the recommended repairs should be added to the project list based on their anticipated cost
- F. Boats/Docks/Rafts – Main beach gangways to the docks is in need of repair.
- G. Beaches/ROW's – See attached list distributed by L. Lenti as prepared by Maureen Dagon and Brett Harlow. This list shows the maintenance schedule for ROWS/Beaches.
- H. Signs and bulletin boards – M. Grydon reviewed cost of new (about \$3,000). He will look into on-line vendor to try and reduce cost.
- I. Finance – no report
- J. Calendar of tasks R. DeCormier reviewed tasks for next month

#### 1. **Old Business –**

- A. Claire's memorial. Discussion of commemoration and site location. No action taken.
- B. M. Grydon discussed production of videos for website. Discussion followed. No action taken.

**2. New business –**

- A. The District needs a new projector. M. Paul to look into renting and/or purchase.
- B. Welcome Packet – B. Pelegano to send out to Board what he has to date so we can implement this summer.

**3. Prepare next meeting agenda - no additions/deletions at this time.**

**4. Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn at 10:10 by B. Pelegano, R. DeCormier second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Anita Connor, Treasurer and Frank Hoisl Vice President

## Additional Motions:

Motion re Lebanon Roads:

Whereas, last May the Board of Directors estimated that the cost to plow, sand and repair Lebanon Roads would be \$40,000 and approved such amounts to be spent; whereas such services and repairs actually cost \$46,720 to date; and whereas the Lebanon Roads Special Revenue Fund has sufficient accumulated funds from prior years' underspending to cover such overruns:

Now therefore I move that the Board approve the use of up to \$8,000 of prior years' surplus in the Lebanon Road Special Revenue Fund to cover the current fiscal year's costs above the amount allocated per the original approved FY 2017 budget amount of \$40,000.

Moved by A. Connor 2ndF. Hoisl 3 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain - Motion Passed

Motion re under/overspending in FY 17:

Whereas the Board estimated certain costs in the preparation of the FY 17 budget; and whereas certain operating costs were either less than estimated or determined to be unnecessary:

Now therefore I move that the Board modifies the FY 2017 budget by reallocating underspent General Fund budgeted amounts from Special Projects – Docks, Administrative Expenses - Property Taxes and Tax Collection Software Support and such other underspent line items as the Treasurer finds necessary to cover overspending in the Repairs and Maintenance and other General Fund line items.

Moved by B. Pelegano 2nd A. Connor 5 yes, 1 Abstain – Motion Passed

Motion re new money market account:

Whereas the Amston Lake District collects a significant portion (> 50%) of its current year tax revenue in the first six weeks of its fiscal year, whereas electronic banking makes it fast and easy to transfer funds between bank accounts; and whereas ALD's General Fund checking account does not pay interest:

Now therefore I move that the Board authorize the Treasurer to open an interest bearing account in the name of ALD in order to earn interest on General Fund monies not immediately needed to pay current obligations.

Moved by B. Pelegano            2nd R. Decormier 6 Yes - Motion Passed

Motion re Property insurance: Tabled until next meeting. More info needed

Whereas the District has invested over \$25,000 to purchase and install equipment, specifically EZ docks at its two beaches and benches at various locations throughout the District; whereas these items are subject to damage from vehicles including boats, weather, vandalism and the like:

Now therefore I move that the District purchase property insurance in sufficient amount as to insure the District against loss of its property.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_            2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Passed/ Failed

Motion re Terrorism insurance:

Whereas the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act gives the District the right to purchase insurance coverage for losses arising from acts of terrorism; whereas the District cannot purchase liability insurance until it purchases or declines to purchase such coverage; whereas the District has received a quote of \$170 for one year of such coverage

Now therefore I move that the Board approve the purchase of/decline to purchase coverage under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.

Moved by R. Decormier            2nd M. Grydon 5 Yes Motion passed