

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

MINUTES

March 16, 2016 7:00 P.M.

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

www.amstonlake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, B. Pelegano, M. Gut, B. Lederer, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

Absent: M. Paul, D. Martin. Present: B. Swanson, Tax Collector

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, 182 Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT

The lake is fine, the weir boards are in. I have been checking the dams and there are two spots in the duck pond that have algae growth, not in the lake. I suggest putting some barley straw in the area. An article in the River East stated that Lake Pocotopaug lost 90% of its natural vegetation which encourages algae/weed growth.

Security is needed now. I noticed two cars with no passes and a trailer with no pass.

Comment: D. Arnold checked in a boat which had a pass.

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

We need a representative from the board to meet with the Lebanon Road Department.

We need an active voice in Lebanon.

Concerning the trailer parking area, a quote of \$12,000-\$15,000 was received for paving and removal of the stumps/trees, etc. Twenty trailers could be parked there. More quotes will be requested.

Comment: Write up a proposal to be added to our list of activities/projects.

It needs to be discussed and acted upon.

Kevin Grady, 199 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

Barley straw needs to be put in the lake now. Some bales were not removed last year and should be removed.

Comment: Will contact D. Martin concerning the barley straw.

Also, has there been any correspondence on H-11?

Comment: M. Paul met with the town to discuss projects/ costs, etc.

The storm drains haven't been tested in the last few years. They should be tested regularly. It is a lot of work. They are tested during heavy rains. The time to do it is now. Comment: D. Martin usually does the testing. He needs some volunteers to help him. Kathy Garvie lives near H-11 and would volunteer to test the H-11 area.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

L. Lenti made a motion to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes. R. DeCormier seconded. Six board members approved, one abstained.

E. Receive President's Report:

The vice-president read a few remarks from the president.

1. The president is coordinating the annual meeting presentation with a past presentation which is on May 14, 2016.
2. Terms for board members, M. Paul, F. Hoisl, C. Lenti, L. Lenti end in June 2016 and are up for re-election.
3. Had a discussion with Kevin Kelly, Hebron public works, to coordinate ALD projects with the town.
4. The CT Lake Conference is being held on April 9, 2016 in Goshen, CT. Any board member who is interested, let M. Paul know. Deadline for registration is April 4th. ALD will reimburse the \$25 fee.

F. Receive Treasurer's Report:

February was not a busy month and was very quiet. We are on task. The financial report booklet was handed out and discussion followed. All information is on the website.

G. Receive Tax Collector's Report:

An explanation of the tax report was given by the tax collector. Revenues come in every day. Some delinquent taxes have been paid. An explanation of how lien notices work and a suggestion of implementing a web-hosted tax collection system for the future was introduced with a proposal of cost savings from QDS. Discussion followed.

The tax collector may leave by August 1 and needs to be replaced. A new tax collector should be hired in May-June in order to be trained in the system. Nine people have shown an interest in filling the vacancy. A committee of three is needed to pick a new tax collector.

H. Receive Clerk's Report:

Requests were emailed for participation in work around the lake, grass cutting, and a tax collector. A question was asked about which voter lists were needed for the annual meeting. B. Pelegano will draft and "easy to read" explanation of who is eligible to vote. Discussion followed.

I. Presentation of Correspondence:

Many inquiries were received for grass cutting, etc. The grass cutting contract will be awarded around April 3. Emails concerning dead trees on Elsmere row, a resident requesting to be on the email list, and the Chantclair golf course interested on sponsoring our newsletter were received.

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

Provisional applications for fall spraying of the lake are in progress. The first proposal contains areas around the entire lake. Some areas cannot be treated for various reasons so applications will be updated when final areas are chosen.

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

Lebanon Roads

A committee meeting was held and discussion included snow plowing, sanding, road conditions, and the next road projects to be completed.

Some roads have rutting and /or a few potholes, a ponding issue, and some drainage issues. The next steps are to gather information about ditches needed, trees adjacent to roads, additional maintenance needed, branches/sticks on roadways, etc. in order to put together a proposal for the coming year. Some road repair is anticipated every year.

Pavilion

No report.

Security

The security survey is being summarized. A recommendation for increasing the hours and budget for this year was made—to be discussed at next meeting. Notices were sent to both Kevin Kelly, public works, and Andy Tierney, town manager, concerning a meeting on traffic safety. No reply was received yet.

Dam/ Duck Pond

Karl Acimovic, engineering consultant, studied the duck pond dam. Since an assessment was done in 2008, he will update the report to current regulations and requirements. Will add \$2000 to the ALD budget for the study to continue and \$60,000 to projects pool for eventual repairs.

Communications

The boat pass application has been updated which includes permission for ALD to remove boats if they are not removed by residents by November 1st. Discussion followed. Passes are ordered.

Kirk Berube, 514 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon, has a Jon boat and a paddle boat and asked if it was OK to keep it on his own property.

Comment: Yes, only boats on ALD property have to be removed.

Boats, Docks, and Rafts

A handout was given out including an explanation/suggestion of a possible mooring area near the docks at Lollipop beach. Estimates were up to \$10,000. Discussion followed. B. Pelegano will get a quote for a dock option to be discussed at the April meeting.

Beaches and Rows

Spring cleanup has begun. The boat racks have been stained. A meeting with Plaut Environmental is scheduled concerning sand sifting on Main Beach.

Finance

A discussion of finances and the budget continued. Inputs for project and operational budgets are being collected. A more detailed discussion will take place in April. We need to prepare for and collect quotes for dredging in the future.

Calendar and Tasks:

We are up to date on tasks. Newsletter entries are due by April 15.

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

No Report

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

The CT Lake conference is to be held on April 9 in Goshen, CT.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting:

Place Finance before Lake Management for next meeting to allow time for discussion.

O. Adjournment:

L. Lenti made a motion to adjourn. R. De Cormier seconded. All approved
The meeting ended at 9:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Claire Lenti, Clerk
Amston Lake District

