

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

**MINUTES**

May 18, 2016 7:00P.M.

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, B. Lederer, M. Gut, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

Absent: B. Pelegano, 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:**

Jerry Horan, 5 Rondaly Rd, Amston, CT

Concerning the trailer parking. What would the board do? Could benches be added to the other rows? A few residents might be interested in donating benches (with a memorial plaque). When will the sand be sifted on the Main Beach?

Comment: Any cutting of trees, improvement to the trailer parking area, etc. the board will decide. Also, on the benches. We will send an email to residents to see if some are interested in donating a bench. C. Lenti stated that H. S. Plaut Environmental Co. will sift the sand on the Main Beach this Saturday, weather permitting.

Carl Wool, 182 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

The barley straw is not in yet. We need to put it in soon.

Question: is it too late to put it in? Answer: No, but the sooner, the better. It's more difficult to remove old bales. More cement blocks are needed. We need some volunteers to do these tasks around the lake.

Kevin Grady, 199 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

I know a few volunteers that will help with the barley straw.

Gail Golden, 203 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

Last year, I was concerned about the sand on the shoreline coming from Meadowbrook row and H-11, etc. There was a discussion of putting grass on Meadowbrook row. The water level is at its highest now. I'm wondering why no grass was added on the row as it was at Francis and Cove rows.

Comment: Dredging the area is included in the long term plan after the town completes the work on the drains and H-11, etc. C. Lenti will get a bid on adding grass to Meadowbrook row.

Al Fichtel, 203 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

We need to update the fish fund.

Comment: L. Lenti would like to add the fish fund as a line item on the budget instead of asking for donations. Not everyone fishes. There is still over \$500 in the fund. Also, some small mouth bass were seen in the lake.

Are the residents on Lake Road becoming residents?

Answer: They can if they follow the proper procedure.

There is another small beach on the lake (maybe in the South Cove) that is not approved.

Comment: An email could be sent to residents indicating that adding sand to their shoreline is prohibited.

Bob Blackmore, 5 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

I have concerns about the trailer parking area. Few people use it. If there is a fee for the boat docks, why not at the parking area? Also, residents can sign a paper to protect the ALD from any problems. Another suggestion: Place "park at your own risk" or "not responsible for damage" signs.

Kevin Grady, 199 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

I have mentioned the barley straw at several meetings. My emails aren't answered.

Comment: Seems to be an email problem, they weren't received.

Is Dave Martin still in charge? Ans: No We need to have volunteers to do this job every year so we don't have the problem of looking for volunteers.

Comment: We had volunteers but they backed out.

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

A motion was made by R. DeCormier to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes. Seconded by M. Gut. All approved.

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

The barley straw needs to be placed in the lake soon.

The long term plans which include dredging, rows, H-11, storm drains, etc. will be posted on the website. Residents can see the progress as time passes. Not all projects will be done this year, but all projects will be on the project list. Some work on H-11 and catch basins will be done this summer. Other projects next summer. H-13 is on the list also. Dredging will be paid by the ALD. We will keep working with the Town of Hebron and cultivate a relationship with the Town of Lebanon.

Thank you to the board for doing the hard work on the budget.

Welcome to new board members Anita Connor and Bob Blackmore.

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

The financial booklet for April was handed out to board members. We were good on late fees and delinquencies. The main work done this month was on Lollipop Beach. The lake passes are bought

and the remaining balance on snow plowing was paid. The treasurer is working with the new treasurer on learning the accounting system. Discussion followed.

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

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

M. Gut stated that this report should be sent to all board members.

Discussion on putting the information on the cloud where a resident can see what they owe, pay by credit card, and use their own computer. More discussion is needed concerning security, appropriate backup, and costs.

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

Emails for a dock rental person, dock lottery, security personnel, the annual meeting and re-elections were sent to residents. The annual agenda was in the Hartford Courant.

**I. Presentation of Correspondence:**

Emails were received from Marge Nichols requesting a sign-up sheet for the pavilion committee and a resident asking if Francis row would be on the budget row line item.

**J. Finance:**

The budget was approved. It will be updated on the website.

A motion was made by B. Lederer to move ALA business to this point in the agenda. Seconded by R. DeCormier, All approved.

Drew Gibson, 8 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

The clubhouse is in need of repairs. Some rafters are cracked and the roof needs repair. The foundation is in good shape. We have money to fix the roof structure but not the roof shingles. We would need \$8000-\$8500. The ALA budget was lowered from \$8000 to \$7000.

ALA requires help in paying for these repairs.

Cliff Boyce, 97 North Pond Road, Amston, CT

Our issue is that we save money for the heat, the boiler, taxes, etc. These repairs will tighten our budget. We need the line item raised back to \$8000.

Comment: At the end of this fiscal year, we'll have some cash. We did not want to raise the budget 6 per cent. It is possible that \$1000 can be replaced.

Suggestion: Speak with the engineer and bring the final proposal to next month's meeting for discussion. M. Paul will check on the rainy day fund to see if it can be used.

Jerry Horan, 5Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

Not all residents realize that the ALA building belongs to everyone. Drew Gibson has many fund raisers which help keep the ALA going. This is the people's clubhouse. Perhaps an emergency meeting is needed and residents can vote on it.

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

The dredging projects are completed. Two more dredging projects are on the long term plan. The town will be doing some work. M. Paul will touch base with Kevin Kelly (public works).

**L. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committee Reports:**

Lebanon Roads

No new report.

Pavilion

A survey was taken. 150 responses were received with a 60—40 percent for the pavilion. Comments included the cost, security, etc. A committee needs to be formed to discuss all facts. M.Gut stated that it may take a while before any decisions are made because we have to pay for other projects.

Security

No update on traffic safety.

Contact was made with Securitas. Security will take place on Saturday and Sunday, (11:00 AM—5:00PM). Some residents have shown interest in doing security at the rows. Discussion is needed concerning number of hours, how many days, rotations, etc. It is important to show a presence. Also, it is necessary to have written guide lines for the security people.

Carl Wool stated on Cove row the chain is broken and the poles are bent. They need replacing. The "no trespassing" sign is very old.

A motion was made by M. Gut for up to \$600 for a new chain and poles. L. Lenti seconded. All approved.

Carl Wool will investigate pricing.

Dam/ Duck Pond

With the passing of the budget, we have funds for planning repair of the duck pond structure. Karl Acimovic will have recommendations and then we can move forward. We need an emergency action plan of the Main Dam for DEEP. It is not due until 2017, but we need to start planning.

Communications

Several website areas have been updated. It is still a work in progress.

Passes will be given out in June and July 4<sup>th</sup>. Signs will be posted soon. The newsletter is completed and will be handed out with the passes.

#### Boars, Docks, and Rafts

The mooring committee will meet this Saturday and look at the Lollipop area. A decision will be made on where to place the new docks. We will try to put the docks in as soon as possible.

#### Beaches and Rows

Kevin Kelly (public works) was notified about the cleaning of the plunge pools. New aprons were added to the Main Beach and Cove row parking lots. An email will be sent to residents to see if any are interested in donating another bench (can have a memorial plaque).

C. Lenti will obtain a bid to put grass on Meadowbrook row.

#### Calendar and Tasks

We are up to date for May. We will need water testing soon.

#### M. Old Business-----Discussion and possible Action

The purpose of the trailer parking area was to rid the rows of large trailers. This area was located and is used by a few residents as a convenience. Only residents can use this area.

#### N. New Business---Discussion and Possible action

ALA clubhouse was discussed earlier.

#### O. Prepare Agenda for the Next Meeting:

Nothing to add.

#### P. Adjournment:

A motion was made by B. Lederer to adjourn the meeting. L. Lenti seconded. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, clerk

Amston Lake District

