

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2011 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
Present: D. O'Brien, L. Hennebury, R. Decormier, S. Martin, D. Moorcroft, D. Martin
Absent: L. Lenti, J. Connor, S. Forge
- B. Call to Order 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
None
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Dave Moorcroft asked to change the word "sides" to "surface" on page 2, Item J. 1. Standing Committee Reports: Dam; D. Moorcroft motioned to accept the minutes as amended, R. Decormier seconded. All approved.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – S. Martin – a sheet protected list of monthly meeting dates and the standard agenda has been posted on each bulletin board.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – see list
- G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien: Annual Meeting went well; Rogers Rules confuses the public but we work through it
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. Decormier – Vortex drain only large outstanding item for this year's budget that is outstanding; must be sure that vendor tasks are pre-approved from the budget before performed so can verify funds are available and trackable and contracts are put in place where appropriate
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – E. Curtin – read report submitted on 5/9/2011; S. Martin signed Rate Bill – Hebron mil rate is set at 1.57 and Lebanon mil rate is set at 3.19 based upon budget approved at Annual Meeting and the Grand Lists from the towns of Hebron and Lebanon; D. O'Brien mentioned that Dan Reale who submitted an FOI request to us is trying to repeal the state statute that delinquent taxpayers are responsible for paying attorney collection fees; we should keep an eye on this as it could affect our collection rates and abilities in the future
- J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Dam – D. Moorcroft - minor corrections have to be made to the engineering plans; wants to review our plans with some potential suppliers and get some feedback on them; supplier list was supplied by DEP as appropriate suppliers to hire to do dam repairs; permitting is in process; estimate of \$6500 for K. Acimovic's services for drawings and permitting process – need him to be here to supervise work, update drawings when work is performed and update DEP when completed; design is very important
 2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – met with Town of Hebron/Mike O'Leary regarding vortex drain; residents who are affected have stated their objections; objections have been shared with Town of Hebron and working to address them so residents will agree; will

need approval from Town of Hebron Manager that funds are in budget for installation; D. O'Brien is staying on top of this

3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – USDA 21% Grant received for Lebanon Amston Lake Sewer installation; construction firm to be chosen late summer/early fall; some seasonal residents have filed a petition to the Town of Lebanon that they do want to sign their grinder pumps until they are charged a lower fee in some fashion or they can be considered year round
4. Drinking Water – S. Martin – P. Verrier did not respond to my email that I sent to her asking what we can go to help regarding the Grossman Project in Hebron
5. Boats & Rafts – L. Mika – filling in for S. Forgue – need to pick dock spots and assignments; perhaps a person who wants a slip will run the process? Takes about one hour per slip to do paperwork and there are (16) slips; maybe we should reconsider the docks and the maintenance costs we endure next year; nice amenity for fishing; collections from dock spot renters cover the costs of installing and removing the docks each year; now that lottery is closed, requests will be assigned as received via US Mail postmark date; emails will not be accepted
6. Weeds and Algae - include ultrasonic units – L. Hennebury – nothing to report; holding until we get Dr. Knocklein's plan and changes to the Lake Monitoring Report; email to all Board members to determine how and when to meet on a Saturday; R. Decormier – Barley straw has been installed and he introduced Dave Dederer – mapped where bales were installed
7. Communications – R. Decormier – signs up for Saturday pass distribution at both sides of lake; website – hired Traci Neal; she is updating website to more modern and up to date usable site
8. Ordinances – D. O'Brien – spoke quickly with Mark Paul – nothing with respect to launching from your property from a trailer; rules state that if your boat trailer has been taken to another lake, it must enter through the boat gate at the Main Beach and go through inspection
9. Security – J. Laferrier – break in on Deepwood Dr/Hebron – residents bring their dogs to the beach and don't care; yellow scooter going up and down road – told him worried they will get hurt and need to be 16 to ride on public roads; (860) 559-3473 is John Laferrier's phone number; SUV on Cove Rd. ROW – woman has moved her SUV and has gotten rid of her couch on road side on Deepwood Drive; people on Hillcrest not parking on Berglund Property; Kayaks full of water are laying on ground near racks on Lollipop – Warren Smith can't mow where they are; no boat stickers; starting to lock beach gates on May 27th for the summer season; in front of Ryan Terrace ROW – drains are filled in with leaves; John will pick it up and Board has agreed to pay for his time; (6) collared shirts with first names on them would make them look more professional (3) each for John Laferrier and Dave Dederer.
(2) hats too – Dave Martin made motion to spend up to \$200 for shirts and hats; L. Hennebury seconded the motion; unanimously approved; snapped pole at Oakland ROW from snowplows should be removed before someone gets hurt
10. Lebanon Roads - D. Martin – have overspent on the Lebanon Roads in the past years; working toward recrowning the roads to protect against water damage; we can recrown the roads for \$2800 and we have \$2100 in the budget; Can we pay the \$2000 now and then pay the \$800 balance after July 1st?

Motion made to spend \$2800 on scarify and grading the Lebanon Roads by D. Martin;

second by D. Moorcroft; L. Hennebury suggests we pay what we can out of this year's budget and pay the balance in the new budget year. R. Decormier to verify current budget account balance. When sewers are installed, the construction company will be required to return the road to its previous state or better prior to the installation

D. Martin amended his motion to spend \$2800 to scarify and grade private roads as noted in Road Committee Meeting notes from April 30, 2011, paying the balance available from this year's budget and the remaining amount due from next year's budget, the week of July 1, 2011. D. Moorcroft seconded – unanimous approval

11. Calendar and Tasks – R. Decormier - ALD Yearly meeting signs did not go up this year; want to remember next year to put it up on May 1, 2012; grass cutting has started; time to order beach sand and raking; newsletters and passes will be distributed beginning on May 21

- K. Receive Lake Management Reports – D. Martin – met with George Knocklein once; need to look at trends over time; phosphorous is down but the lake banks nutrients and it can suddenly get very high phosphorous content with a small unknown push in the environment; riparian corridors are important; should avoid walls around lake and mowed lawn all the way down to the lake; working on getting to a written report; start thinking of where we should install rain gardens on property around the lake, streams, etc; stream next to two houses on Deepwood on Hebron side running into Southeast Cove and is full of algae – would be a good place to build retention ponds to stop direct inflow of water into lake; add Water Gardens to the Lake Management Report section of the agenda for next meeting; P. Radocchia request for dock at 30 Deepwood Drive in Lebanon was approved as submitted via email; S. Cormier – need more clarification on dock to install; also submitted a request to “clean up” his back lot along the lake – D. Martin would like a written plan so that we have a visual document to back up his actions so the riparian zone is not destroyed; also, would like email from Colchester Wetlands that they approve ; removal of concrete and tires is OK but want to verify planting status; L. Hennebury: there are a few docks that are in serious disrepair in Lebanon, one on tip of Sunset Dr, green house across street, dock at K. Day's and Billy's dilapidated dock – these are structures that cannot be walked on – blight letters can be sent to request clean up; L. Hennebury will gather addresses; D. O'Brien will draft a letter and include a handbook; what about houses that are blight? Red house on triple lot in Hebron was condemned; Frank Schroll, Sr. is the owner, he owns Glastonbury Hills Country Club

- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
 1. ALD Self Help Document

- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
 1. “Enforcement of Ordinances” document
 2. New website – Traci Neal will have something to share in June meeting; propose we take over at end of June; S. Martin to work with Traci Neal and Mike Smith to pass web baton
 3. D. Martin would like to do something to honor R. Miles for his many years of service to the lake; discuss at next meeting
 4. Street light for Lollipop Parking Lot –this would be a (14) year commitment and would require a Special Meeting for approval; research will continue
 5. Nicole Bernier letter request to waive interest penalty for her property since it was not her fault that she did not receive the tax invoice in a timely fashion due to address issues with the town; L. Hennebury motioned to waive the tax penalty as suggested by E. Curtin – S.Martin seconded; unanimous approval
 6. 2011/12 Pass Distribution starts on May 21 – all are printed and ready – about \$2500 for printing, have received 5 or 6 mail requests with \$5.00 fee to fill pass requests. 835 lots in Tax District; all will be in a database that can be used on computer; Drew Gibson

- is going to come down and open the Clubhouse and set up a table for ALA too
7. Newsletter – cost was .07 each and will be hand distributed at pass hand out
 8. Boothroyd/Lebanon – planning to build driveway in Amston Lake District property and Lebanon Inland Wetlands can't and won't approve – on ALD property

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Add Rain Gardens
2. New Website

O. Adjournment 9:29 pm

Motion made by Laurel Hennebury to adjourn; second by Dave Martin

Respectfully submitted by,
Sherri-Ann Martin, Clerk
Amston Lake Tax District