

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
MINUTES
April 23rd, 2014 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, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, S. Martin, D. Martin, D. Moorcroft, C. Lenti, L. Lenti
Absent: M. Paul
- B. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by D. O'Brien.
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
- Sue Marion, 182 Bush Rock Road, Colchester
Purchased her home in November; previous owners had lake passes but they are not available to them anymore; can they be reinstated?
- S. Martin – researched this once before. Remember that in minutes from the past, President Wendell Snell agreed to allow the passes to remain with the owners until the property was sold and then passes would no longer be given; this property is not on our Property Tax Listing so should not be given passes.
- S. Marion requested that research be done again. She would like passes, if possible.
- J.D. Wilcox, Manager of Boat Dock Slot Assignments
Six of eight slips were requested by residents on both Lollipop and Main Beaches. Contracts and payment remittance info will be sent out this week. Requested that we send an email to all residents about remaining slots.
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
L. Lenti made a motion to accept the minutes for last month as presented. F. Hoisl seconded the motion. D. Moorcroft abstained and all others approved. The motion passes.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
S. Martin made two requests to the Lebanon Assessor and both were denied. Still addressing the town as the assessor is saying lots are buildable which the Lebanon WPCA deemed not.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication
See attached
- G. Receive President's Report
Nothing to report.
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report
D. O'Brien read B. Swanson's report into the record – see attached
- R. DeCormier wanted to get a vote on changing the tax bill split from \$250 to \$500. S. Martin requested that we need data to make this decision. How many people get split tax bills now? How many will get split bills if the split is changed to \$500? Requested the same information last month.
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report
Dave O'Brien read Brian Swanson's report into the record – see attached

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

Lily pads eliminated with glysohate in Lollipop Cover are being replaced with what appears to be a high level algae; we need to watch what plants are growing in where dredging and weed treatments have occurred. Will bring Dr. Knocklein in to take a look and determine if beneficial

Barley straw has been ordered and will be installed ASAP; D. Martin will get a couple of local 1099 contractors to assist with placement

K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Security – F. Hoisl – wants to station a guard at each beach from noon to 5:00 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day to check beach passes; non-resident is best. A local resident could provide security coverage during the week for 2 hours per day. Handout will be given out with passes. Ryan Terrace should be checked too. Will provide a chair with sun coverage that can be taken and brought back when Security works.

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – 1 inch of water going over spillway; came up from 8 inches down after three days of rain; want to get a permit to make the backside of the dam mowable as required by DEEP; too steep right now; C. Lenti to meet with mowing contractor to determine what needs to be done so area can be mowed.

3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien pursuing data on what the vortechnic unit has collected from the town of Hebron

4. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – found another contractor to make remaining boat racks; wood preservative was applied to 15 of the 20 existing racks.

5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul was absent so no update

6. Communications – R. DeCormier – need articles for newsletter; article on upcoming By-laws Special District Meeting to occur in August.

7. Ordinances – completed

8. Lebanon Roads – all on Board believe we should consider splitting the Lebanon Roads 50/50 between Hebron and Lebanon; was always assumed that roads would be assumed by Town of Lebanon but the town has an ordinance that they will not accept any gravel or dirt roads to maintain beyond those they already had in 1978. Business proposals should be developed to split the cost since District Roads aren't any different than District Properties.

9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – waiting for towns to clean out drains and sweep roads to eliminate road sand; F. Hoisl made a motion to allocate up to \$100 to BSA to move the porta-potty to at least 200 ft away from the CT Water pump house. L. Lenti seconded the motion and all approved.

Claire Lenti made a motion to approve up to \$500 for stone and up to \$500 for labor to repair the water damage to the Lollipop Beach parking lot. R. DeCormier seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

10. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – gatekeeper position filled by two persons so have built-in back up. Dana will open in the mornings at 7:00 am and Carl will close in the evenings at 9:00 pm.

Schedule of dates for distribution of passes is to come soon. Stickers will also be assigned to boat trailers so we have a log of ownership.

Lou Lenti to check on fishing signs to assure they are up to date.

Annual Meeting agenda to be set up by S. Martin and forwarded to D. O'Brien for approval

Dave O'Brien to send email to ALA requesting they order additional porta-potties when have large gatherings at Main Beach.

L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda...Old Business

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – pass for now – put off until June meeting
2. Agreement of location at Main Beach for monument to our Volunteer Firemen – need to go and physically look at location to see if not encroaching on CT Water property.
3. Boat trailer storage location – West Island Beach Road – S. Martin - Boat trailer storage to be on West Island Beach Road on District owned property. C. Lenti to get contractor bids for area discussed with S. Martin.

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

1. Budget Planning for 2013/2014 Season – see attached

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – send standard agenda

O. Adjournment

Lou Lenti made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Frank Hoisl and all approved.
The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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