

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18th, 2012 7:00 p.m.**  
**ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231**  
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- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors  
Present: L. Hennebury, presiding, R. DeCormier, S. Martin, D. Martin, L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, J. Connor  
Absent: D. O'Brien
- B. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm after a key to the clubhouse was located
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions -  
Susan Heise, Amston, attending to learn about gatekeeper's position
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes -  
As noted in the March minutes, the, State of CT FOI Attorney, Tom Hennick suggested we ratify all votes taken at the March meeting prior to approving the minutes to assure that all FOI requirements were met last meeting due to an email issue

All Board members ratified the votes taken at the March meeting by unanimous vote of aye.

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the previous meeting. Ray DeCormier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
1. Larry Zimmerman provided a list of tasks to us for our review to assure we were not missing services via Dave O'Brien. The list has been reviewed and all tasks are accounted for.
  2. The Spafford Drive Amston Lake sign was stolen and returned via the resident state policeman in Lebanon. The young individual who turned himself in is going to reimburse us for repairs. R. DeCormier will discuss with D. Dederer.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – see attached list
- G. Receive President's Report – no report
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. DeCormier submitted the attached report
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report - L. Hennebury read the attached report from E. Curtin

S. Martin brought two tax payor requests to the Board for appeal of late fees. All agreed unanimously that the tax policy stands as it is. We cannot make exceptions. It is the responsibility of the individual tax payor to pay their taxes on time, regardless of whether or not they receive our bill, as it is for all municipalities. It is also the responsibility of the tax payor to list their correct mailing address with the town in which they reside and to respond to all tax notices.

All Amston Lake generated tax payments are based upon the grand lists of Hebron and Lebanon. The Amston Lake District does not maintain a separate address database and cannot by statute.

The Board will request that D. O'Brien, President, write follow up notes to the two requests.

- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives – D. Martin stressed the importance of focusing on the nine factors listed in our Lake Monitoring Reports. These include:
1. Continue deep water quality testing between April and October
  2. Develop, maintain and refine the aquatic plant management plan
  3. Maintain active involvement in the process to install sewers on the Lebanon side
  4. Continue monitoring bathing beaches for indicator bacteria during summer months
  5. Investigate, monitor and develop a storm water control program
  6. Continue to investigate feasible control options for Northeast Cove
  7. Develop a comprehensive watershed management plan in order to reduce the amount of phosphorous and water contaminants entering the lake
  8. Provide recommendations for improving the shoreline lake edge where buffers are lacking and provide general guidance to home owners.
  9. Establish an environmentally activist community

Laurel Hennebury will draft specifications of what she would like to see from our lake scientist and the lake monitoring reports and we will get quotes from other lake scientists too for comparison of services available and costs; Board will review and add as needed

- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Security – J. Connor and J. Laferriere – see attached report; all agreed that Security must provide services only in our publicly owned areas
  2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – the repair supplier has maintained their original quote for this fall and we are on schedule to do dredging and dam repair
  3. Storm Drains – D. Martin proposes we request a plunge pool or catch basin near the H17 inlet at the Colchester/Hebron line area prior to dredging or the sediment will simply run back in to the lake over the winter; will we add a discussion of this matter to New Business for our next meeting
  4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – installation of pipes and grinder pumps is going quickly and is on schedule for December 2012 completion
  5. Drinking Water – keys were given to the Board for unlocking water valves; we cannot administrate the use of these keys by all residents; we want to return the keys to the water company and ask for alternate solutions
  6. Boats & Rafts – R. DeCormier – Claire Lenti will be coordinating the beach and boat pass distribution at the Clubhouse beginning the weekend of May 25/26 and (7) dates more are to come.

L. Mika presented boat docking requests and all can be accommodated – JD Wilcox will be taking over administration of docks. Lynn. Mika suggested that the dock administrator be given a dock slip as payment for services since it takes about (20) hours of time to coordinate and collect the fees. S. Martin made a motion to allow the dock administrator to have a dock slip as payment for services each year. R. DeCormier seconded and all approved unanimously.

The ramp to the docks on Lolipop Beach is in bad shape and needs repairs; R. DeCormier with coordinate with D. Dederer

Dave Arnold/Ames Road, Amston submitted an email requesting that boat inspectors be able to open this for no charge. All agreed the boat inspectors are paid and contracted. The lock would need to be replaced with a combination lock. We are not sure how much of an issue this is. We don't know how many people ask to access the Cove Road ROW.

D. Moorcroft mentioned that the handout of rules and regulations as well as general information needs to be organized for distribution with the passes; also, we need to address mooring – we will address this under New Business next meeting with research to be done by D. Moorcroft and S. Martin

7. Weeds and Algae – no treatment necessary at this time; review in the fall; D. Martin – volunteers installed half of the barley straw on April 15<sup>th</sup> with the balance to be installed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; a map of their locations is being created for our records
  8. Communications – R. DeCormier continues to collect email addresses for our distribution list; need to start work on newsletter – please submit articles to him
  9. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – trying to avoid doing any work until after sewer and water line installations are completed; see attached report of current conditions
  10. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier - Claire Lenti is taking over the administration of the grass and brush cutting proposals
  11. Ordinances – D. Moorcroft will put together a list of ordinances that should be changed or added; two homes have been sold and need D. O'Brien to send welcome letters and our handbook. They are 147 Deepwood in Lebanon and 211 Deepwood in Amston.
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
1. Town of Hebron – Review of Amston Lake portion of “Plan of Conservation and Development” – hold for future meeting
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
1. Establish and agree upon process for CT Water resident “keys” for water turn on and turn off to their homes for those with CT Water’s services – return the keys to the CT Water Company – they mistakenly think our Clubhouse is available to residents all of the time; we are concerned about keeping track of these keys; we are not in a position to handle this
  2. 2012/13 Season Jobs and awards of contracts – we need to determine how we will select the winning candidate(s); We agreed on the following criteria:
    - a. Need to be a local resident
    - b. Must be 21 years old or older due to possible safety issues with other adults
    - c. No firearms are to be carried on district property while administering this contract
    - d. Must be available and dependable and patient
    - e. Must have knowledge of when to push an issue or strategically retreat; closing the gate can be tricky when car owners in the lot are belligerent and we have been asked to only call the police when absolutely necessary
    - f. We need to request that each candidate submit a brief statement of why they are qualified to perform they job to Dave O'Brien so the statements can be reviewed and candidate(s) selected
  3. S. Martin proposed to add appointment of new directors to the Board to the agenda, D, Moorcroft seconded, all approved unanimously; Frank Hoisl of 404 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon, has offered his services to the Board. He will assume Scott Fogue’s position until the end of this fiscal year. He is an electrical engineer.
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – add to Agenda under New Business:
- Possibility of installing a plunge pool at H17 prior to dredging this fall
  - Discuss and agree upon boat regulations/rules to hand out with beach and boat passes
  - Mooring ordinances/rules and regulations
- O. Adjournment – L. Lenti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Connor, all approved unanimously at 9:30 pm.

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