

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15th, 2012 7:00 p.m.**  
**ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231**  
[www.AmstonLake.org](http://www.AmstonLake.org)

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul

Absent: J. Connor, S. Martin, D. Martin

B. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions

Joe Zabolusky, 72 Deepwood Dr, Lebanon, CT: Discussed ROW Boundary Survey with the ALD Board and made a recommendation after additional discussions with the ALD Board. D. O'Brien to follow up with Rob Hellstrom of Hellstrom Surveying on conversations relating to the proposed ROW Boundary Line. If the proposed Boundary Line meets Lebanon Planning & Zoning legal requirements, a new survey map will be produced. This new map would then be reviewed by the ALD Board and a motion would be made to call a Special District meeting for the residents to review this information. Details will be available in September.

Candy Kozlak, Amston, CT: Discussed Francis Rd ROW and Oakland ROW – follow up items were discussed ROW clean up, ROW Boundary line enforcement, Brush cutting contracts.

Janet Gandelman, Cove Road, Lebanon CT

Reviewed July 18<sup>th</sup> email submitted to the ALD Board. Refer to attachment from July 18th.

Carl Wool, Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT: Will discuss information with ALD Board under Boats & Rafts Committee.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

M. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; F; Hoisl seconded the motion.

D. Moorcroft discussed a revision to wording on page 3. Francis ROW Issue: Strike D.

Moorcroft's name and replace with "It was brought to the attention of the ALD Board"

M. Paul made a motion to accept the revised minutes; F; Hoisl seconded the motion.

Against: None

Abstain: None

In Favor/Approve: R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

Nothing to report - S. Martin Absent (on vacation)

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

S. Martin to include listing

G. Receive President's Report

On Thursday, August 16th at 7:00 P.M. there will be a Public Hearing at the Town of Hebron Office Building Meeting Room. We must have twenty five (25) Hebron property owners at this meeting. The Public Hearing is for the transfer of the two land parcels from the Town to the Amston Lake District. Please attend if you are a Hebron property owner – we must have twenty five (25) people to conduct the meeting.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

See attached

- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report  
See attached – read in to the record by D. O'Brien
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives  
D. Martin Absent – No report

Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports

1. Security – F. Hoisl – Reviewed neighborhood block watch information from the August 9<sup>th</sup> Security Committee meeting. Refer to Security Committee Minutes dated August 9, 2012.
2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – Email notification to be sent to residents notifying them that on August 27<sup>th</sup> the ALD Board will start the process to lower the water level for the Main Dam Spillway Repair (project to start on October 1<sup>st</sup>). The goal is to lower the water 20 to 24" below the spillway by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The water must be lowered in a controlled fashion to avoid any over filling of the Duck Pond. The forth coming email will explain the process in detail to the residents.
3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien and R. DeCormier met with BSA on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> to review the SW Cove engineering drawings for October 15<sup>th</sup> Dredging Project. After the Old Firehouse project is completed in September, D. O'Brien will continue to work with the Town of Hebron on a new location for the Vortechnic Unit installation. Must have permission in writing from residents near the proposed installation before proceeding with the Town of Hebron to engineering review/plan.
4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin Absent. Paul Oliver (Lebanon resident attending the meeting provided the ALD Board with an update. Note: Paul Oliver is a member of the Lebanon WPCA). Project is proceeding well and is ahead of schedule by 60 days. Lebanon WPCA is working closely with all parties involved.
5. Drinking Water – no report. S. Martin absent.
6. Boats & Rafts – D. Moorcroft, M. Paul, Carl Wool provided the ALD Board with an update of their recent Committee meeting (refer to their Committee meeting notes). This Committee will issue a series of emails informing the residents to remove their boats from ROWs by November 1<sup>st</sup> for end of year ROW clean up.

A motion was made by R. DeCormier to spend up to \$300 dollars produce 12 signs to notify the residents of boat remove and ROW clean up (3 Large signs 18" by 24" and 9 smaller signs 15" by 18"). The signs will be placed at the entrances of Amston Lake and at the ROWs. D. Moorcroft second.

Against: None

Abstain: None

In Favor/Approve: R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul

7. Weeds and Algae – Still no widespread algae; only occurring in limited areas – continue to monitor.
8. Communications – R. DeCormier – Continuing to add emails to Opt In Email Alerts. Notification process is working well. ALD Board still needs a back-up plan for residents without email or internet access.
9. Ordinances – Mark Paul to group requested changes, organize and then present to the ALD Board for further consideration (should the ALD Board call Special District Meeting with residents next spring?, etc. – still undetermined until the ordinance information is organized



into various categories further clarification of existing ordinances, short-term changes , long-term changes – must discuss District goals and benefits – in any).

10. Lebanon Roads – No report. D. Martin Absent

11. Calendar and Tasks – Reviewed and on track

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

Neal Family Property: Do we want to own this and pay additional taxes on property that may not be useful? Discuss again at next meeting.

Reviewed the information from Traci Neal regarding lots on Lebanon side of lake.

D. O'Brien to contact Traci for additional information on the lots for possible open space consideration by the ALD Board. After additional information is collected, the ALD Board will determine if this needs to be brought to the residents for their consideration.

L. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

The ALD Board discussed the liability and risk (District insurance/liability implications) of the Lake Day launch of 54 (number may vary) Sky lanterns. Read information below. The ALD Board determined that it is NOT worth the risk of a lawsuit against our assets (cash in Bank, District owned Lands) to allow this practice to continue on Amston Lake District owned property. D. O'Brien to discuss this with ALA Board.

**Sky lanterns**, also known as **Kongming Lantern** or **Chinese lanterns** are airborne [paper lanterns](#) that are best known as a tradition found in some Asian cultures. They are traditionally constructed from oiled [rice paper](#) on a [bamboo](#) frame, and contain a small [candle](#) or fuel cell composed of a waxy [flammable](#) material. When lit, the [flame](#) heats the air inside the lantern, thus lowering its density causing the lantern to rise into the air. The sky lantern is only airborne for as long as the flame stays alight, after which the lantern sinks back to the ground.

Sky lanterns are also referred to as sky candles.

Lanterns have proved extremely unpopular with farmers in many countries due to the potential for causing crop fires and the chance of death of livestock on consuming the lantern remains upon landing.<sup>[1]</sup>

#### Legal Information from Google

Well, ..., as far as I know there's no specific law prohibiting them. However, in any situation, it is illegal to put [public safety](#) at risk. [Sky lanterns](#) are a cool idea, however, they represent a significant public safety risk. If one were to fall to earth and catch fire the property loss could be devastating, many people could be harmed, and even lose their lives. Make no doubt about it the law would come for you and they wouldn't accept a flimsy excuse of "Well, the law doesn't say you can't ...". Believe me that would melt before the blazing glare of any court judge.

M. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Continue to discuss blight concerns – review ordinances/ draft initial process

N. Adjournment – D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn; L. Lenti seconded the motion. All approved unanimously at 9:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dave O'Brien, President  
Amston Lake Tax District