

**Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
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August 20th, 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, D. Moorcroft, R. DeCormier, C. Lenti, L. Lenti, S. Martin
Absent: D. Martin (8:03 pm), M. Paul
- B. Call to Order
Dave O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
- John Larew, 125 Deepwood Drive, Hebron
He has two issues with ROWs:
 1. He is concerned with last month's meeting notes. Murray Ostrager had said that the beaches were for public water access and ROWs were for boat access. He is concerned with the park like settings and adding benches. People already leave dead fish, cans and bottles and they urinate there ; he is concerned about the Town's By-Laws and thinks we should put in garbage cans and port potties if we are using the property as a beach
 2. There are many water lilies growing at the Elsemere ROW; cleaning them out encourages use of the ROW; people pull lilies from ROW and now they are rooting in front of his and a neighbor's property. People are hitting his boat to avoid lilies. Can they be treated? D. O'Brien will check with ACT to see if treatment is an option this year
 - Ken LaVoie, 501 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon
He wanted to inform Board of work he is doing on his property; removing trees to install a garage With solar panels and an addition to his home; drawing was shared.
 - Mike Gut, 30 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon
He would like to be added to the amstonlake.org email list. His email is mikegut@comcast.net. Also, note that the dates on the website for the monthly meetings are not correct. S. Martin will correct immediately. He is interested in the Board and would like to keep up to date on lake happenings.
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Lou Lenti made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. F. Hoisl seconded the motion. D. Moorcroft abstained. Others approved. Motion passed.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
Nothing to report
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication
See attached.
- G. Receive President's Report
The new by-laws were presented and accepted on August 16th and are in effect thirty days from their acceptance.
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report
See attached.

Erika Kadish is interested in taking over pass distribution and she wants to enter data into spreadsheet as she distributes them. This would save double work!

Dave O'Brien mentioned that the software we are using for our finances is no longer being updated or improved. He suggests we begin researching using QuickBooks since it is widely accepted and used by many. Ray DeCormier is in process of learning QBs.

R. DeCormier is concerned that fish fund is being charged \$5 per month because the balance is \$118 which is below the \$500 minimum. All agreed that comingling the fish fund with the general fund is not a good idea. Lou Lenti will attempt to solicit additional funds for next season to see if he can get the balance to \$500.

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

S. Martin reported that D. Martin has a meeting with Dr. Knoecklein tomorrow, Thursday. All asked that we inquire as to what Dr. K's opinion is on why the lake is so clean this year.

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

1. Security – F. Hoisl – Steve Kemper sent an email to us about the boats at the Oakland ROW; four boats have created their own moorings – some cement in buckets another is an old rusted axle item stuck into the dirt and it is unsafe. One is a beautiful new boat without any lake stickers. Frank is hesitant to cut the lock since it is very expensive and new. One boat has current sticker and other two are expired stickers. Will address the owners of the three boats and will need to get an email out the District about the nice new boat and put up signs. If the boat is not removed by the 30th of September, we will hire a contractor to remove it.

Dave Moorcroft is also concerned with pontoon boat tying up on Main Beach Dock. The boat is 20 ft. long and 8 ft. wide; the contract for the dock states that the maximums are 14 ft. long and 6 ft. wide; he is concerned the "metal pin" which attaches the dock to the shore will be broken. Frank Hoisl will get name of renters on the Main Beach Dock and find out who was parking there and ask them to stop.

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – Water is a couple of inches below the spillway of the dam; the rain storm last week filled the lake; wanted to know the status of the signs he requested to keep people off of dam and from swimming off of docks. R. DeCormier having some issues with vendor. Lou Lenti will ask other neighbor from Wallingford with sign business for help.

Dave Moorcroft reminded us of new DEEP dam inspections. We will need to update our Dam Safety and Operations Manuals to meet new requirements too.

(D. Martin arrived at 8:03 pm)

3. Storm Drains – D. Martin – the next inflow to investigate and remediate is H16 on Hebron side; next inflow up from where the vortechnic unit was installed. There is tons of algae and sediment growing in this area.
4. Boats & Rafts - discussed earlier.
5. Weeds and Algae – D. O'Brien – ACT was here last Friday to photograph areas to treat; initial testing was done and as soon as ACT has state approval, they will proceed with treatment. Signage will be provided to be posted around the lake stating date(s) of treatment and not to use the lake.
6. Communications – R. DeCormier – working on setting up email so can email only to Hebron or only to Lebanon residents.
7. Ordinances – D. O'Brien – these are now done. We need to combine with Homeowner's Manual and reprint. Ray DeCormier will investigate.

8. Lebanon Roads – C. Lenti – gravel roads are all in good shape; all repairs have been completed. Snow plowing contract is being worked on by Ray DeCormier with special thanks to Dave Moorcroft; the RFP was posted to residents but no responses were received. The request will be sent out again.
9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – the south side of Lollipop was cut last year; north side is very difficult to cut as it must be done from a boat – too mucky for waders. Only cutting scrub brush, not trees. May try to cut when ice develops.

Claire Lenti suggested we ask the town of Hebron to use the green ice melt which is environmentally safe instead of sand on the roads. (The sand simply runs down the steep side streets which meet Deepwood Drive on the Hebron side.) Using the green ice melt may eliminate the sediment issues we currently have.

Claire Lenti asked about the Board's opinion on benches; Board is concerned that there could be maintenance issues and possible safety issues; there have been concerns about children climbing on the boat racks.

10. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – the first email for November 15 Boar Removal will go out at end of September; snowplowing bidding has begun; all discussed the port potty and decided that due to the increase in usage, we should keep the port potties from May 1 to October 1. Currently, the contract runs May 15 to September 15. R. DeCormier will extend this year's contract to Oct 1st, if possible.

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

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities -- remove from agenda

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

1. Hebron Fire Dept. Training on Main Beach – we are a private lake and the Board needs forewarning that training will be occurring so that residents do not get frightened and think there is an emergency occurring. We also feel that speeding the training boat through the shallow areas of the lake stirs up the sediments and is not beneficial to the lake. This should not occur. Frank Hoisl agreed to take on point of contact with the Town of Hebron.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – nothing to add at this time

- O. Adjournment Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn and Lou Lenti seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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