

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
December 15th, 2010 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Dave O'Brien, President
Laurel Hennebury, Vice President
Ray DeCormier, Treasurer
Lou Lenti, Director
Dave Moorcroft, Director
Scott Forgue, Director

Absent:

Dave Martin, Director
Sherrri-Ann Martin, Clerk
John Connor, Director

B. Call to Order 7:00 P.M.

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

Lorraine Long, 15 Meadow Brook Rd.

Yellow Kayak broke away floated up on a resident's property. Asked the board to assist with removal and return it to the owner. The board will ask Amston Lake Security to follow up on this issue.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – S. Forgue motioned to approve the minutes, D. Moorcroft seconded. L. Hennebury Abstained. Minutes were approved.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – No report given the Clerk was absent from this meeting

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – List to be provided by the Clerk

G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien: Nothing to report at this time.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. DeCormier presented and discussed report – see attachment

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – D. O'Brien read report from E. Curtin – see attachment

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

1. Dam – D. Moorcroft: Water level was brought down to 21" below the spillway for a couple of days to complete the dredging project. L. Hennebury expressed concern that the board was not notified that the water level was reduced from 18" inches below the spillway to 21" inches without full board approval. D. O'Brien explained that the additional 3" inch lowering was based on a business decision that had to be made immediately. By lowering the water by an additional 3" inches the vendor was able to cut a channel thru a sediment barrier into the NE Cove. If the additional 3" inches were not allocated, the board would need to spend another \$15,000 during our next fiscal period to complete the required task to resolve the NE Cove sediment barrier issue. The board discussed and all agreed that in the future the full board must make these decisions. In order to accomplish these immediate communication issues, a member of the board suggested weekly project status reports should be sent to the entire board and also posted on the website. This status will enable all parties (full board and residents) to be informed of critical path items needed to successfully complete future projects. The lake water is now being returned to normal off season (winter) level.

D. Moorcroft discussed the old Main Dam drainage value system with the board. What would happen if the old value control failed (rust and other variables that cause part fatigue and failure)? The board reviewed and discussed the situation. L. Lenti made a motion to fund up to \$1,500 dollars from budget line item 8301-00 (Main Dam Repair Line Item) for a consultation with a certified engineer that has experience with similar structures to the Main Dam at Amston Lake. L. Hennebury second. Four in

favour. R. DeCormier abstained. Motion passed.

2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien: vortechnic unit – Still require the two tax district residents to sign the legal agreements for use of their property. D. O'Brien to follow up with residents and Town of Hebron.
3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – No report – absent from this meeting
4. Drinking Water - S. Martin: No report – absent from this meeting.
5. Boats & Rafts – S. Forgue Discussed off season boat storage and problems with boats that are left unattended. The board will continue to review this issue.
6. Weeds – L. Hennebury: Will contact ACT to discuss ongoing strategy for weed control.
7. Communications – R. DeCormier – will discuss under L. 3.
8. Ordinances – J. Connor – Absent – no report.
9. Security – J. Connor – Absent. D. O'Brien read J. LaFerriere security report to the board (attachment)
10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – Absent – no report.

Andrews Street sign – received a quote of \$295. for the new sign and post. Additional labor cost would put price near the \$500. range. The board agreed to search for a more cost effect solution. Action items were assigned to D. Moorcroft and R. DeCormier. Both will report findings to the board.

K. Receive Lake Management Reports – D. O'Brien: NE Cove project completed. Water being returned to off season winter level.

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

1. ALD Self Help Document – Board needs to finalize, approve and then place the document on the website.
2. Discussion on Calendar and Tasks – reviewed tasks for December and January and continued updating calendar.
3. Boat, Beach and Car Passes: Continued the Discussion; The Board has agreed to the following process:
 - (a.) each property will be issued (2) car passes and (2) beach passes
 - (b.) a \$25 fee would be charged to replace lost passes
 - (c.) Boat passes will not be issued without a completed boat pass form including a description of the boat(s)
 - (d.) All passes distributed will be recorded by property
 - (e.) R. Decormier completed new excel spreadsheet – used a custom developed program (no cost to tax district) to convert the tax collectors report to a boat, beach and car pass reporting process. The board thanked R. DeCormier – this was the most difficult part of this process – well done!
 - (f.) Boat, beach and car pass number sequence discussed and agreed upon
 - (g.) Distribution process discussed – board recommended 10 distribution sessions. If residents cannot attend any of the 10 sessions, then they can send a self addressed (postage prepaid) envelope to the board for passes to be mailed. Action item: Board to prepare a one page draft of the distribution policy (dates, logistics, logic behind policy changes and other pertinent information). This policy will be provided to the residents well in advance of the implementation of new procedures.
 - (h.) Board to work on information recording process for January meeting (how to record and log the information into the new online spreadsheets and logistics for the 10 (dates) sessions to distribute the passes).

All Board members will continue to list concerns and ideas for this discussion next month.

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

1. Discussed selling District owned lawn tractor – S. Forgue researched and explained to the board that the lawn tractor is worth roughly \$100. The lawn tractor would be sold as is (not having to be started and no warranty provided). The board agreed to the price estimate and asked S. Forgue to proceed to the next step in the process for selling the lawn tractor. S. Forgue will inform the board of next steps.

2. Discussed Lollipop Beach area trimming process. S. Forgue reviewed the area for trimming with the board. S. Forgue will obtain cost estimates for trimming task.

3 Discussed new electric jet ski introduced to the market. L. Lenti reviewed the information with the board. The new electric jet ski can go up to 50 miles per hour. The speed and potential damage to plant life at Amston Lake concerned the entire board. Resident safety was also discussed. The entire board agreed to hold a special district meeting on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:30 P.M. The meeting location will be the Clubhouse. The meeting will be held before the regular monthly board meeting. An agenda will be drafted for board review and then published to notify the residents (agenda with information for this meeting).

N. Prepared Agenda for Next Meeting–

O. Adjournment – S. Forgue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by L. Lenti. Approval was unanimous at 9:43 P.M.

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