

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES

February 18,2015 7:00P.M.

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231

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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

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

Absent: D. Martin

B. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners:

Bob Blackmore, 5 Rondaly Road, Amston,CT

It was stated that when this board came together, it was in debt. Can that be clarified?

Answer: Yes, we were \$110,000 in debt—repairing the dam and the Bergland Property for example. It was not known then what it would take to run the district. Now we have a proposed budget and actual costs. Going forward, all numbers are on a cost basis –will see a decline. If an item fluctuates, then it would need an explanation. In May, we would know the exact costs for the past year and what it would cost for the coming year unless there is something unforeseen. Last several years the financials have been on the website. Now, we have a better basis of financial knowledge which took years to get to this point. A. Conner, our accountant, does the accounting every year.

Comment: I hope the board will take Mike Gut's offer to help.

Brett Harlow, 403 DeepwoodDr, Lebanon,CT

The parking lots at the Main Beach and Lollipop Beach have not been plowed. Residents need access so they can use the lake.

Don Ray, 229DeepwoodDr, Lebanon,CT

Our legislation should split all money 50-50 between Hebron and Lebanon.And the secretary should be available 20 hours a week. Records should be stored at a lake location.

Answer: Please draft a letter to the board with your concerns. It will be given to our attorney as to what proper protocol should be followed.

Hebron town hall is now our town of record where minutes are posted. All previous records are in storage in Colchester,CT

Kevin Grady,199 DeepwoodDr, Amston,CT

Boats are moored in front of his property, near Meadowbrook. This needs to be addressed because more boats would make the area look like a marina.

H11, where the algae blooms from the pipe needs to be addressed.

Answer: D. O'Brien will be working on a permit for the water meters with the town engineer and will discuss H11.

Jerry Horan, Rondaly Rd. Amston, CT

Concerning the mooring of the boats. All residents need to be involved in the decision not just board members. There are 750 other properties besides waterfront properties.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

M. Paul made a motion to approve the January 21, 2015 minutes. D. Moorcroft seconded the motion. All others approved.

E. Receive and Act upon Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

Emails sent to the board included comments, questions, and thoughts concerning the budget and amount of money in the district's account. Some emails referred to snowplowing and amount of snow piles. One email from town engineer stating he would help with the water meter covers in Lebanon.

G. Receive President's Report:

D. O'Brien read letters from Mike Gut and Laurel Hennebury to the board. See attached. Comment: Can check with A. Conner, accountant, on financial management for non-profits. Also, M. Paul will look into laws, etc. as to what a district should have in funds for the lake.(ex. Treatment for excessive algae, invasive plants, etc.)

Also, see what funds would be necessary for the duck pond and dam.

Proper due diligence is needed to run the district. Will reach out to other municipalities and our attorney and see what is in the best interest for running our district. We would welcome any help from the residents. We do not want a special assessment for an emergency. We do need an emergency fund. The money in the account belongs to all in the community. Taxes have gone down. We have reached a good level.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2014, we have \$313,000 in the account. Our tax collector has brought in more than expected in back taxes. There is \$515 in the fish fund which is a voluntary contribution. We finally have a handle on what is needed to run the district.

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

D. O'Brien read the tax collector's report.

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals and Objectives

Nothing to report

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

1. Security

We spent about \$11,000 to date this year. Last year we spent \$7890. Additional security was added this year. One issue is access to the beach parking lots. They need to be cleared of snow. Need bids.

Thank you to Carl Wool ---an addition to the security team. He provides a log every month of activities.

2. Dam

Thank you to Bob Blackmore who helped remove the brush that the beaver left. Until snow melts, there is nothing else to report.

3. Storm Drains

Need more discussion with the town on H11.

4. Boats and Rafts

Need to get an estimate on coating the racks this spring.

In the by-laws, there is wording on safety issues. There is no designation of where boats are to be moored right now. That's not done yet. It needs appropriate, equitable discussion. We can bring a committee together to discuss this issue. F. Hoisl would be willing to establish and chair a mooring committee.

5. Weeds and Algae

Nothing to report

6. Communications

Doing very well. Our email list has about 750 email address. It works great.

7. Lebanon Roads

A Lebanon Roads committee has been formed chaired by Erika Lindeberg. She's looking forward to participating in the Committee's decisions. There is \$34,000 in the budget. Any problems or recommendations, the committee will bring to the board, which will bring to the residents at the yearly meeting.

8. Beach and ROW Updates

A list of work to be completed end of March into April will be brought to the board for approval at the next meeting. Sand that is needed and other jobs will be addressed at the April meeting. A final approval for benches will be addressed. A list of completed work, yearly maintenance, and ideas since 2012 was given to the board. Any ideas for beaches and ROW cleanup are welcomed.

9. Calendar and Tasks

Need articles for the newsletter. Discussion on dock lottery next meeting.
Spring/summer needs for Lebanon Roads discussion.

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

The budget will be discussed next month.

M. New Business—Discussion and possible Action

Snowplowing the 2 parking lots. Draft up a scope of work and take action ASAP.
Form a mooring committee and discuss possibilities for mooring boats.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting.

Nothing else to add

Executive Session called to order at 8:10 P.M.

Adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

O. Adjournment

Lou Lenti made a motion to adjourn and F.Hoisl seconded. All others approved
The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Claire Lenti, Clerk
Amston Lake District.