

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 20th, 2013 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, R. Decormier, D. Moorcroft, L. Lenti, M. Paul, D. Martin (7:03 pm), S. Martin (7:03 pm), F. Hoisl (7:09 pm)
Absent: J. Connor
- B. Call to Order by D. O'Brien at 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
Bob McKay, Deepwood Drive, Hebron

An article was printed in a local newspaper, the Rivereast, stating that the Hebron Selectmen approved the installation of a vortechnic unit at Amston Lake and that we had "donated toward its installation." Bob is concerned that buying the vortechnic unit sets a bad precedent. Hebron should pay for storm water systems and they should be responsible for maintenance. We cannot afford to pay for maintenance as a tax district. Taxes are high enough. (All Board members were present by the end of Bob's statement.)

Dave O'Brien response: Board wants to improve the storm water system beyond what the Town of Hebron is willing to do. The Amston Lake Tax District purchased the vortechnic unit – the Town of Hebron has agreed to install and maintain it. Hebron has already spent in excess of \$10,000 on engineering studies for installation – two residents changed their minds after all work was completed. Unit will now be installed near Hebron and Lebanon town lines and Northeast Cove. This will keep additional sediments from running into the lake where we just completed dredging. A rain event was captured on video by D. Martin and submitted to the Town of Hebron to support the needed installation.

- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
M. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013 as presented; D. Martin seconded the motion. D. Moorcroft abstained. All others approved.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
Nothing to report.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication
See attached listing
- G. Receive President's Report
D. O'Brien is working with R. Decormier and the Town of Hebron to combine the Old Firehouse property with the Main Beach property to reduce our taxes to Hebron
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report
See attached
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report
D. O'Brien read Eileen Curtin's report of February 7, 2013 into the record
See attached
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives
Nothing to report

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

1. Security- nothing to report
2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – water is now 6” below the dam spillway so the lake is filling up after the dredging
3. Storm Drains – discussed at beginning of meeting with Bob McKay
4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – on schedule for completion in the spring
5. Drinking Water – nothing to report
6. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – three different designs being considered; may need mix of the three types to accommodate all types of boats; tree design, box design and leaning post designs; L. Lenti to create plan of what types need to be placed where to come up with cost estimates. Brett Harlow, F. Hoisl and D. Dederer/L. Lenti will discuss their designs and decide which are best. Prototypes are to be built and placed and resident feedback requested. Overall placement plan and cost estimate to be reviewed next month
7. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul – Map of planned, targeted areas for treatment to be submitted to us by ACT and ACT will then apply for permit with DEEP for late summer/fall treatments
8. Communications – R. Decormier – website communications seem to be very effective
9. Ordinances – M. Paul – all Board members to submit ordinance concerns/changes to M. Paul for discussion at next meeting; will need to hold Special Meeting in July to maximize resident input; will include ordinance(s) around Party Boats, maximum boat lengths, etc.; get comments to M. Paul now since will need legal review before we can bring to a vote
10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – in tough shape due to on and off thawing and refreezing; much gravel has been lost from Beech and Ledge Rd.; CT Water has agreed to repair in spring; rocks placed by CT Water are not acceptable to Brett/BSA, our snowplowing contractor, but we have a contract; BSA submitted a \$5000 bill for excess work performed after the blizzard; all agreed we should not pay this additional amount as we have a contract for \$13,000 for the year. BSA assumed risk when they agreed to the contract just as we did when we paid \$13,000 last year and there was only one day of snowplowing required and it was less than 6” of snow. We did not ask for a rebate; R. Decormier to follow up with BSA
11. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – Cove ROW still needs completion; waiting for spring thaw to identify next steps
12. Calendar and Tasks – need to begin working on writing newsletter articles (All); need to prepare RFP listing for posting in newspaper (S. Martin), need to establish 2013 Boat Pass distribution days (C. Lenti)

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

1. Budget Planning for 2013/2014 Season – D. O'Brien present a preliminary budget of \$191,700; last year's budget was \$195,000; B. McKay requested that we show the current budget, the current actual and the projected budget

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

Mark Paul made a motion to add a discussion of Large Boats to be added to the agenda under New Business. D. Moorcroft seconded the motion. All approved.

R. Decormier: What will happen if get up to 30 party boats on lake? If owner does not have water front property, will they trailer the boats in and out every time? Boat inspection fees are going to increase substantially; do we limit the number of times the District pays for the inspections and then ask the residents to pay for the extras? Where will these boats dock? They cannot be placed on a rack or moored on a chain. Party boats require room to drive; they are not easy to maneuver in tight spaces.

D. Martin – waterfront property owners pay a premium in their taxes for their view; can't moor boats in front of other's property

Should there be a lottery, like the docks, to limit the number on the lake? Should there be a

maximum boat length and existing are grandfathered? Should there be maximum occupant rules? Should we erect pillars at the boat launch to assure only certain size boats can be launched once determined? Should we have a maximum number of boats on the lake? All to be researched for determination of appropriate ordinances and actions for our size lake.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Include Large Boat discussion under Boats and Rafts

O. Adjournment

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm; M. Paul seconded and all approved unanimously.

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