

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 3:00 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, F. Hoisl (3:08 pm), R. DeCormier, S. Martin, L. Lenti, C. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, D. Martin (3:05 pm)  
Absent: M. Paul
- B. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by D. O'Brien at 3:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions  
No visitors
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
C. Lenti made a motion to approve the January 2014 minutes as submitted. L. Lenti seconded the motion. D. Moorcroft abstained and all others approved.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report  
S. Martin - Two appeals were submitted to the town of Lebanon for the new assessments on the Manion ROW and the Ryan Terrace ROW. Other properties have increased in value due to the removal of "seasonal" from the Lebanon zoning regulations. Only these two are inappropriate as they are public rights of way and in no way has their value tripled. We await a decision from the town.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication  
D. O'Brien presented a Quit Claim Deed for the Main Beach to be filed in the fireproof safe  
Other email correspondence was centered on the following topics:  
Snowplowing contract and related costs  
Watching for non-residents hanging around/stealing items  
Responsibility for West Woodland and Woodland Streets  
Budget conversations
- G. Receive President's Report – nothing to report  
D. Martin (3:05 pm) and F. Hoisl (3:08 pm) arrived
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. DeCormier - see attached
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report  
D. O'Brien read Brian Swanson's report for the record – see attached

Conversation ensued around issues within the tax database; R. DeCormier requested to add additional data to the tax bills we produce and explained options within the software.

D. Moorcroft made a motion to active the full accounting of taxes due, both current and past, within the tax software so that tax bills reflect all outstanding monies due for each property. L. Lenti seconded the motion.

May be a minimal cost to "flip the switch" in the software but will be minimal. Activating the full accounting for all taxes due will make it easy for residents to see what is currently owed and what is past due. All approved unanimously.

Discussed the two tax bills sent each year – R. DeCormier thinks one posting once per year versus two postings would save both time and money for the Tax Collector fees. After discussion all believe to change this would be unfair to the residents. People have budgets.

- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives – D. Martin  
Nothing to report
- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
  - 1. Security – F. Hoisl – nonresident activity on Ames Rd, teenagers still accessing rock along water and dumping cans, computers, desks, bikes, couches into the lake; Land owner has agreed to allow us to place a chain across the property and lock it. L. Lenti made a motion to spend up to \$100 on a chain and lock to stop access to the property. F. Hoisl seconded the motion. All approved unanimously. D. O'Brien will also send an email to the state police so they are aware of the chain.
  - 2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – level of water is currently unknown due to ice and snow; there are Dam Safety Program changes coming from the state of CT; dam classifications are A: lots of damage would occur if dam broke, B: some damage would occur if dam broke and C: no damage would occur. The Main Dam is a B and the Duck Pond is considered BB; determined by amount of water retained, number of roads and number of cars on roads; we did not receive an inspection letter this year; will need to hire a professional engineer every two years at cost of \$1500 and Emergency Plan must also be updated every two years at a cost of \$1500 to \$2000; we should start planning for a \$3500 expense every two years; will send RFP to Karl Acimovic and at least one other qualified individual – list to be provided by the DEEP. We should have an operational and a maintenance plan. We should be performing monthly inspections.
  - 3. Storm Drains – nothing to report
  - 4. Boats & Rafts – nothing to report
  - 5. Weeds and Algae – nothing to report
  - 6. Communications – R. DeCormier – new email package on web site is working well and can also send attachments which we could not do with previous email package
  - 7. Ordinances – currently operating under 2008 bylaws; Board reviewed the Adam Cohen version of the bylaws and made edits which D. O'Brien returned to M. Paul following our meeting; discussion to continue
  - 8. Lebanon Roads – nothing to report
  - 9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti (D. O'Brien left the meeting and F. Hoisl took over as Chairman) A list of 2014 Spring Maintenance was presented by C. Lenti at a total cost of \$2175. R. DeCormier made a motion to approve the 2014 list and \$2175 cost. S. Martin seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.
  - 10. Calendar and Tasks – Need to print RFP ads in newspapers after send out the RFP ad to the residents via email; have replies go to [amstonlakemail@yahoo.com](mailto:amstonlakemail@yahoo.com) and print in Reminder Press and Norwich Bulletin. S. Martin to send out RFP language for approval and then print.
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
  - 1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – we need to research this idea
  - 2. Discuss and act upon investing monetary reserves into a CD to earn interest – the % of income available in a CD is less than 1% so tying it up is not justified at this time. Treasurer will continue

to watch the market for investment opportunities.

3. Selection of location at Main Beach for monument to our Volunteer Firemen – need to wait until snow melts and ground thaws

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

1. Budget Planning for 2013/2014 Season – discuss at next month's meeting
2. Fish fund and donations - \$800 in bank and \$1200 additional funds were donated; catfish are sterile and will not reproduce; will take two to three years for them to grow big enough to eat; need to get fish release permit from DEEP – no cost but only have (60) days to purchase and stock once issued. Will also add about (30) bass to strengthen the gene pool for the bass.

Lou Lenti made a motion to approve using the donated funds to approve stocking the lake with (1000) catfish and (30) bass. D. Moorcroft seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Catfish are \$1.35 each and bass are \$9.00 each.

3. 2012/2013 Financial Report submitted by Anita Connor. See attached.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

- O. Adjournment - D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm. C. Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

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