

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES
January 21, 2015
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231
www.amstonlake.org

A. Roll call of Officers and Directors:

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

B. Call to Order:

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

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

Dave Bareiss, 151 Deepwood Dr., Lebanon,CT

I want to compliment the board for upgrading the Amston Lake website with links to the treatment areas, homeowners manual , etc. When one has the time,check it out.

Candy Kozlak, 11 Woodside Road, Amston,CT

Thank you for the information I requested last month concerning the money in the account, etc. Thank you to Ray DeCormier for calling me with the information.

Carl Wool, DeepwoodDr, Amston,CT

Had a meeting with the Hebron fire marshall concerning the placement of the dry hydrants. They will be placed underground except for the 4 ft. pipe at the end. Some initial placement ideas include Main Beach by the boat racks, Francis Row, Meadowbrook Row, and 2 other sites on private property. The pipes would be placed under water 2 ft. above the bottom of the lake as far out as is needed. Question/comment: This pipe may interfere with the boats, more discussion is needed.

Is there a map to put on the website?

Answer: Yes

Residents who live within 1000 feet would get a deduction on fire insurance.

Security going well. Some people/cars were asked to leave. No problem.

Kevin Grady, 199 Deepwood Drive, Amston, CT

I emailed a picture last year on boats that were moored. Now there are two sailboats moored off Meadowbrook row. Two residents own the boats. Three, four, or five boats would obstruct the view.

Answer: Board will review and send a letter to owners before season begins. Also, Referring to H11. Town officials should update the storm drains. They are antiquated.

Answer: D. O'Brien recently sent a letter to John Soderberg, wetlands agent, concerning potential dredging. When they meet, D. O'Brien will bring up this issue.

Dave Bareiss: I will check out putting dry hydrants on the Lebanon side of the lake

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

L. Lenti made a motion to approve the December 17,2014 minutes. M. Paul seconded the motion. All others approved.

E. Receive and Act upon Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

Phone call from Ron Niemczyk (Kelly's Corner) concerning ice forming on the road. The storm drain works well, but the road needs proper grading in the spring so ice does not build up. Other Lebanon roads,(Manion, Ledge, Ryan, for example) also have the ice problem. Ice melt/sand may or may not solve the problem. Contractor puts sand on the slopes after snow plowing.

A letter from Ron Linker (66 Beech Rd) concerning problems with his water meter cover being run over by trucks, etc. was read to the board. D. Moorcroft looked at the area. If the road is 50 ft. wide, then water meter is at the end of the road and appears to be in the road. The water company must put the meter on the residents property. This meter appears to be on District property as are 4-5 other meters.

Jerry Horan-- Water shut offs should be 5-10 feet onto person's property. If the water company put these meters in the road or on district property, then they

are responsible. Can inquire with the water company or call the building inspector.
Answer: D. O'Brien will call the water company and inquire about moving the meters onto resident's property if they are on district property.

G. Receive President's Report

No report

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

Doing very well. Discussed how money was saved over past years. The website has historical figures back to 2008. We need more data from a starting point to present. Will ask accountant to list savings, increases, accounts, etc.

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

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

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals and Objectives

D. Martin met with Dr. Knoecklein who has hired a new person who will help with lakereports. The due date is tentatively in April. A lake bottom survey was done in 2012, an entire plant survey in 2013, and a fish count in 2014. The installed plunge pools were excellent. H-11 was worse at one time. It's getting better. H-16 might need a plunge pool. We need a plan, also, for the storm drains.

Some sewers are not connected in Lebanon and need to be connected.

We need to use Best Lake Practices.

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

1. Security

Carl Wool stated that people are responding very well to the new security measures.

We need new locks for Spafford row and Lollipop entrance. Combinations locks are better than key locks—can lose the keys over time. Replace all the locks--- about 12-15.

He requests passes for new residents. Some are not aware that they need passes. Give the new people R .DeCormier's phone number and he will take care of it.

2. Dam

The beaver has left the duck pond area. There seems to be no more activity. However, much brush and sticks have accumulated in the water outlet left by the beaver. Hopefully, there will be no ice jam this winter. The debris needs to be removed. B. Blackmore will help remove debris.

The water level is down 9 ½ inches and should be at 12 inches. D. Moorcroft is monitoring it.

DEEP usually sends a letter when an action plan and inspection is due for the dam. We did not receive a letter this year. It could cost up to \$6000 in the future.

3. Storm Drains

Letters were sent concerning the proposed dredging projects for the southwest cove and off of Ames Road where the drains are located. They were sent to John Soderberg (wetlands agent), Denise Ruzicka (Director, inland water resources), and Phillip Chester (Town of Lebanon). The proposal includes 1000 cubic yards removed from the southwest cove and 185 cubic yards removed from Ames Road. The Ames Road area is on District owned property and needs dredging before it develops into wetlands.

4. Boat and Rafts

Nothing to report

5. Weeds and Algae

Nothing to report

6. Communications

Nothing to report

7. Lebanon Roads

Can roads be salted/sanded when they are icy even if there is minimum or no snowfall? They are sanded, if necessary, when plowed. We need metrics on how much snow has fallen, when to sand, etc.

8. Beach and ROW Updates

Think about a silt fence at Lollipop Beach to prevent erosion in winter. Can

be rolled up and stored when not in use.

Large pile of brush /log in gulley near boat launch needs to be removed---in spring.

Also, huge tree leaning 45 degrees toward where firehouse was located. Needs to be removed---in spring.

9. Calendar and Tasks

Prepare for passes, need update on signs, RFP for grass cutting, begin newsletter soon, etc. So far, we are on task.

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

Nothing to report

M. New Business---Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of proposed budget. See if any changes are needed. Bring to next meeting.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Nothing else to add

O. Adjournment

D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn and M. Paul seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Claire Lenti, Clerk
Amston Lake Tax District

