

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18th, 2012 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
Present: D. Martin (meeting leader), J. Connor, R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, L. Lenti, S. Martin, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul

Absent: D. O'Brien
- B. Call to Order at 7:07 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
Candy Kozlak, Amston, CT: Only 8 ft of water access at Francis Rd ROW; boat blocking access has an expired sticker and should be removed; Oakland ROW needs to be weed whacked

Janet Gandelman, Cove Road, Lebanon CT
Her husband, Peter, submitted an email to the Board; there are many boat trailers blocking access to the lake and taking up needed boat storage space; many boats abandoned and filled with water; boat policy is a current issue being worked on by the Board

Carl Wool, Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT
Ordinances and by-laws for the District are missing from the records at Hebron Town Hall; June minutes were not posted when he went to look for them; ROWs are not being maintained and should be; Security is impossible to do in two hours per day – he feels we need more Security; Passes are too hard to get now and required yearly newsletter should be mailed; Abandoned boats need to be removed from ROWs and residents should get 10 day advance notification at minimum

John Larew, 125 Deepwood Dr, Amston CT
John does not have access to a computer and would like to know who to contact to get hard copies of desired items; a packet of information should be given out to new residents; helpful to hand out boat removal policies and ordinances when residents pick up boat passes – should ask people about winter storage plans; would like to see State of CT Boating Policies posted
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
M. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; F; Hoisl seconded the motion.
Abstain: D. Martin, R. DeCormier, D. Moorcroft
Approve: M. Paul, S. Martin, J. Connor, L. Lenti, F. Hoisl
- 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 absent – no report
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report
See attached
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report
See attached – read in to the record by S. Martin

- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives
D. Martin – we continue to do monthly testing at the deep water station; plan to sample incoming flow from all lake inlets at least once this year; the State of CT completed a Plant Study of the micro conditions in our lake including sampling sediment; the representative stated that there are no invasive plants and we have good healthy biological diversity or many different types of plants in our lake
- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Security – F. Hoisl – looking into establishing a neighborhood block watch to help with security issues; need to coordinate with residents and the state police; F. Hoisl made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$800 to install block watch signs (there are some existing). M. Paul seconded the motion. After discussion, it was determined an initial block watch meeting needs to be held to make sure we have resident support before we post signs; J. Connor stated that we need to post our ordinances in order for the police to enforce them; F. Hoisl withdrew his motion and M. Paul agreed
 2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – water is about ½” below spillway now; will start dropping the level of the lake right after Labor Day for dam repair in October; need to lower 20 to 24” below the spillway
 3. Storm Drains – D. Martin – please ask D. O'Brien to follow up on scour pool at H16 with Tom Fenton in Hebron; all of Wood Acres drains into this area
 4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – 230 grinder pumps installed; sediment control is not perfect but the contractors come after each rain event and clean and repair the water erosion; paving is planned for October; orders to connect will not be sent to residents until the end of the project; this is when total cost will be known too
 5. Drinking Water – on track per community bulletins received from CT Water
 6. Boats & Rafts – D. Arnold presented a boat and trailer storage proposal to the Board (see attached); need to have lottery drawing for boat racks, just like the docks; should apply removal stickers to boats which will be auctioned if not removed by their owners; L. Lenti and D. Moorcroft don't think a lottery is needed; need to determine how many boats can fit in how many racks on which ROWs; publish plan to install boat racks so people know when they are coming; then, see if there still boat issues; M. Paul and D. Moorcroft volunteered to help L. Lenti with boat rack installation plan
 7. Weeds and Algae – no widespread algae; occurring in limited areas
 8. Communications – R. DeCormier – in process of updating website again; M. Paul thinks we should reconsider our processes again; still hearing complaints from those who do not have computer access; Board feels this is minimal and still makes sense to stay electronic
 9. Ordinances – J. Connor – has minor changes to make but nothing to discuss now; the changes must be approved at the Annual Meeting so he will address at a later date
 10. Lebanon Roads – we are not spending any money on the roads until the sewer installation is completed
 11. Calendar and Tasks – all is on schedule per calendar in back of Treasurer's Report; Carl Wool and Paul Oliver volunteered to help with boat removal and identification processes
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
Nothing listed

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

Mud Wasp Request: F. Hoisl to supply green method of destroying

Boats: M. Paul – must put notices out NOW if removing abandoned boats as of August 1; need to give method of getting boat pass to meet requirements of process and must give (10) day notice of cleaning up and (30) day notice of auction; must have contact to request boat back, if needed; will move boats removed from ROWs/beaches to Berglund property

Brush Cutting: C. Lenti has met with BSA Landscaping; Main Beach and Dam brush trimming has been identified; still working on ROWs; D. Martin – please remember if any large equipment is used, we may need permits from the appropriate town

Francis ROW Boat Issue: D. Moorcroft – ordinances are in place and must be enforced; currently our main Security guard has three boats which do not have boat passes and/or are encroaching on the ROW access for other residents; F. Hoisl will address with D. Dederer

Beach and Boat Pass Distribution: process is in place and working for vast majority of residents; D. Moorcroft suggested we offer at least one more time slot for distribution that is not on a Saturday morning; maybe can allow neighbor to pick up for another resident with letter?

Boat and Raft Email from the Neighbor Group: rafts have never been supplied by the District for public use – we will need to check insurance concerns before we can consider; ROWs are treated unequally – not by Board but by residents. Raft and chairs placed at Mouse Beach/Spafford ROW belong to residents who live near there; Board is responsible for maintenance and proper boat storage.

Neal Family Property: Do we want to own this and pay additional taxes on property that may not be useful? Discuss again at next meeting.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Discuss blight concerns and if there is anything else the Board can do to rectify
2. Discuss Neal Family property adjacent to the Ray's property off Deepwood Drive in Lebanon

O. Adjournment – D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn; L. Lenti seconded the motion. All approved unanimously at 9:44 pm

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