

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 16th, 2014 7:00 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, R. DeCormier, D. Moorcroft, C. Lenti, L. Lenti, D. Martin, S. Martin  
Absent: F. Hoisl, M. Paul

B. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions

- Al Fichtel, 203 Deepwood Drive, Amston

Sand placed on Meadowbrook ROW is washing away into the lake; about one foot of sand has piled up along his shoreline; Francis ROW has gravel and no erosion issues; please replace sand with gravel; also, adding sand is encouraging additional swimming at ROWs

Al believes that statements in our by-laws put us at insurance risk; he is concerned that ROWs were intended for boat access and not for use as swimming areas and using the ROWs for both puts us at risk that a swimmer could be harmed by a boat

Board agreed that sand washing into the lake is not acceptable and must be remedied; the Board cannot deny the public access to swim in the lake from the ROWs as it has been done for years.

Asked about mooring requirements – Board has not defined; if have issue with mooring, please send information to D. O'Brien/President and Board will address.

- Candy Kozlak, 11 Woodside Rd, Amston

Concerned that children are diving and swimming off of the docks and it is unsafe; please put up signs NO SWIMMING on docks.

There are branches behind her home which are falling over the fence; believes this is District property on St. Ronan and the Board should have trimmed. The Board will investigate.

Concerned that Board will be liable for damage to boat trailers parked on District property. Board will make sure liability is waived on a signed form.

- Doug Amende, Deepwood Drive, Amston

There are lots of after hour activities on the Elsemere ROW near his home; are ROWs going to be closed? People are leaving garbage and signs that were posted seem to have disappeared; Concerned that road repair has not been completed – please complain to Town of Hebron, the Board has as well

Wanted to know what determines if a ROW is for boating or swimming? Has been determined by Community use; ok but should replace sand running into lake with gravel.

- Pat Kaneda, 113 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon

She appreciates the boat racks and the trailer property being set up and she would like to see continuing improvements to the community; Mouse Beach (Ryan Terrace ROW) is very much enjoyed by her family and she thanked the Board

- Margery Nichols, 18 Spafford Dr., Lebanon

Should make ROWs attractive and useful since majority of properties on the lake do not have lakefront access; erosion at Ryan Terrace is still a problem

She would very much like to see the Board add benches like those selected by the Lebanon Airline Trail Committee – they are made from concrete and wood and are VERY heavy and cannot be moved; many people on lake like to walk and nice places to sit would benefit all

- Peter Gandelman, Cove Road, Lebanon

Agrees that ROW access should be improved for those who do not live on the lake front; does not think issues with illegal activities should stop the improvements; thanks for the boat racks

Claire Lenti noted that an elderly gentleman bought a boat trailer with wheels to pull his boat to The Elsemere ROW and he cannot get his boat in the water due to 3 or 4 large fishes boats which are clogging the area; need a docking option/leaner racks; D. Moorcroft stated that the boats simply should not be left there this way

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to move M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

1. Resident Violation of By-Laws – Dogs on Beach up the agenda to this point. Lou Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Eric Glanert, the property renter and his girlfriend and her mother appeared before the Board. They had a letter from a doctor stating that the dog is a therapy dog. D. O'Brien accepted the letter and requested that the dog be kept under control and wear its Therapy Dog Vest with ID.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

D. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. C. Lenti seconded the motion. D. Moorcroft abstained and all others approved.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

See attached list. (Get list from D. O'Brien)

G. Receive President's Report

Nothing to report.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

Items of note to end fiscal year:

- \$19,000 more than our budget was collected in taxes due to the new collection process which has collected many outstanding taxes due from previous years
- Lebanon Road Maintenance cost \$10,000 more than budgeted
- District taxes paid to the Town of Lebanon have doubled due to the elimination of "seasonal properties"

See attached.

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

D. O'Brien read B. Swanson's report into the record. See attached.

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

D. Martin – Phosphorous numbers are staying low and water clarity is high; guessing this is due to the elimination of high content phosphorous fertilizers and cleaning products. Need to focus on H-16 inlet at left of Cove ROW; much algae growth still in this area

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

1. Security - F. Hoisl absent but D. Moorcroft stated that he has positive feedback from residents about coverage at beaches; be aware that those who are turned away by the security guards at the beach then head to the ROWs; need to start monitoring the ROWs too
2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – need sign KEEP OFF DAM on both sides of dam outlet; cutting of brush on back of dam will be addressed when ground is drier
3. Storm Drains – Discussed under J. Lake Management
4. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – there are issues with boats blocking access to water on ROWs; need to encourage use of docks and add more racks?; Pontoon boat(s) are attaching to the Main Beach docks – will check with Dave Arnold but he thinks pontoon is bigger than allowable boat size on dock and that additional weight could harm docks.

Also need to put NO SWIMMING OR DIVING signs on docks. The docks are for boats not for

swimming and diving and are dangerous for that use.

R. DeCormier ordered (1250) boat passes and ran out. He has ordered (150) more as he has pending requests. Have never seen too many boats on lake so at least good that people are registering them in case of loss on the lake.

Boat Trailer Storage Location on West Island Beach Road is opened up and ready for trailer parking; D. O'Brien to write up waiver for signature by residents who are interested in storing their boat trailers there during the season; will require that residents supply their own chains/ropes/locks and may charge for storage next year. Too late to charge this year.

5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul absent
6. Communications - R. DeCormier – entering boat and beach pass data into a spreadsheet; will merge new emails into website database
7. Ordinances – Public Comment Session to be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Clubhouse with vote on August 16, 2014. Verify availability and print in newspapers.
8. Lebanon Roads – C. Lenti – approved work has been completed; wishes someone else would take over the roads; can we attach one road per year with a better solution than what we are doing now so that the roads improve?  
  
R. DeCormier – working on Snowplowing contract; newly written with new terms and a new cost basis; has minimum payments and ceilings. Please comment back by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – discuss throughout meeting
10. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – we are on time with tasks

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

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – nothing to report

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting - Nothing to add to next agenda

D. Moorcroft mentioned that he was concerned about the ALA Fishing Derby; the rules came out at the last minute and he is concerned about nonresidents attempting to fish in our lake too. D. O'Brien stated that in the future, we will ask ALA to let us know in advance to that possible liability issues can be addressed.

O. Adjournment

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Lou Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

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