

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**July 20th, 2011 7:00 p.m.**  
**ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231**  
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- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors  
Present: D. O'Brien, R. Decormier, J. Connor, D. Moorcroft, L. Hennebury, S. Forgue, L. Lenti
- B. Call to Order 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions  
Tom Randazzo 9 Turner Road, Amston, CT provided positive feedback to the board on security and discussed with the board next steps in effective communications with our residents. Action item: D. O'Brien to follow up with Tom.
- Lorraine Long, Meadowbrook, Road, Amston. CT questioned if our security carried firearms. Board responded and answered no not while on duty at the lake. Both of our security people have legal permits to carry firearms but do not carry them on ALD owned property.
- Discussed Town of Hebron request to long-term storage of ALD documents.
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Dave Moorcroft made a motion to approve the June 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes, the motion was seconded by Scott Forgue. All in favor.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – no report
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – see list provide by Clerk
- G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien
- Ended 2010/2011 Fiscal Year roughly \$1,000 under budget. Thanked the board for their effort. The board is now in the new Fiscal Year.
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – see report from R. Decormier  
The board thanked Ray DeCormier for his help in lowering our cost structure through his research and a greater use of the competitive bid process.
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – D. O'Brien read E. Curtin's report – percentage of collections were added to the report, as requested by L. Hennebury. The board thanked Eileen Curtin our tax collector, she had a great year collecting outstanding (past due) taxes.
- J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Dam – D. Moorcroft – DEP permit was submitted. Now waiting for feedback from the DEP (to eliminate any project scope creep). Any new information from the DEP will be provided to the 4 vendors that came to visit and look at the main dam.
  2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – Funds for Vortechnic unit were transferred to Town of Hebron to get process moving for fall installation.
  3. Lebanon Sewer Project – An Amston Lake resident was at the Lebanon Town Hall and was told by the clerk in Lebanon that we needed to have at least 200 signed easements returned before we could *apply* for grants. The town clerk estimated that only about 60 had been returned so far. Since there was no date specified on the letter for when the paperwork needed to be signed and returned, perhaps our Lebanon residents at the lake figured there is

no immediacy. Should the board use sign boards and send out an email blast to remind people to get the easements signed and submitted faster? The board decided to ask Dave Martin, ALD Board Director to look into this matter and advise the board on next steps (does the board need to increase the awareness of our residents?).

4. Drinking Water – S. Martin – No report provided.
5. Boats & Rafts – J. Connor made a motion for a abandoned boat auction to take place on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 10:00 A.M. for all abandoned boats on ALD owned properties that do not have a current and valid ALD boat sticker. S. Forgue second. Motion passed – all in favor.

Ray Decormier – update on passes; last pass distribution date is Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the ALA Clubhouse from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

The board discussed problems with parking boat trailers on ROWs; boats and available racks for storage. L. Lenti volunteered to bring ideas in writing to the next meeting.

Fish Fund: Board discussion on resident donations for Small Mouth Bass. Unable to find any for sale – no fisheries had any in stock. It was agreed that the residents who donated funds be contacted to determine next steps (return of donation or use for another environmentally (DEP) approved fish).

6. Weeds and Algae – L. Hennebury read a research article on the use of saltwater muscles to reduce algae. L. Hennebury asked the board if they would like her to conduct additional research on their use in fresh water lakes. The board said yes. L. Hennebury made a motion to spend up to \$500 in lake health funds for consulting services from Dr. Knoecklein to investigate the use of fresh water muscles for reducing algae at Amston Lake. J. Connor, D. Moorcroft, L. Hennebury, S. Forgue, L. Lenti in favor. R. Decormier against. No abstentions. Motion passed.
7. Communications – R. Decormier – new website update. On track for board to review the prototype this week. Depending on board feedback could launch the new website in a few weeks or less.
8. Ordinances – (\*\* Per correspondence with ALD Board) The board issued a \$100 fine (refer to ALD Handbook available to all residents) to a resident for failure of their guests to obey direct verbal instructions not to light off illegal fireworks from tax district property on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Despite several direct verbal warnings (and posted signage stating no fireworks allowed on ALD owned property), the resident's guests stated "you cannot stop us" and set off the fireworks on ALD District owned property. This violation placed the entire ALD District at risk for legal and financial liability per our Insurance Carrier and Attorney.
9. Security – J. Connor and J. Laferrier – see written report – attachment.  
L. Lenti led discussion on cars, etc. speeding on Deepwood Drive and the danger that this poses to our resident. Will prepare letter to the Town of Hebron requesting their assistance to control the speed limit
10. Lebanon Roads – no report provided
11. Calendar and Tasks – R. Decormier reviewed July tasks with the board.

- K. Receive Lake Management Reports – Water tests for swimmer safety have improved this year. The board has not received any negative test results from the Chatham Health who provides our testing services.
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda...Old Business
  - 1. ALD Self Help Document – move under Communications to be discussed as part of the new website content.
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting  
Email any requests
- O. Adjournment 8:50 P.M.
  - L. Hennebury, second by Lou Lenti All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sherri-Ann Martin (with notes from the ALD Board)  
Amston Lake Tax District