

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15th, 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, D. Martin, S. Martin, 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
Please check distribution of barley straw and algae locations to be sure distributed fairly
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – change “Roger’s Rules” to “Roberts’ Rules” in section G. Receive and Act Upon President’s Report and on section J. 1. Dam – change DEP to Karl Acimovic; J. Connor made a motion to approve the May 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes, the motion was seconded by Scott Forgue
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk’s Report – no report
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – see list
- G. Receive President’s Report – D. O'Brien
- Thanked Board for work in this fiscal year
- Bonnie Therrian/Town of Hebron wants to open conversations about the old firehouse again – volunteer fire department does not want it and Hebron does not want it; may be valuable asset
- Funds for Vortechnic unit are to be sent to Town of Hebron to get process moving for fall installation
- H. Receive Treasurer’s Report – see report from R. Decormier
Tax Collection activity by E. Curtin has been very successful; added a Vandalism account
- I. Receive Tax Collector’s Report – D. O'Brien read E. Curtin’s report – we would like to see the percentage of collections too, as requested by L. Hennebury
- J. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees’ Reports
1. Dam – D. Moorcroft – 4 of 5 vendors have come to visit and look at the dam including vendor who did last job with weir boards and bypass; figures are to come
 2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – will give check to Town of Hebron for vortechnic unit
 3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – Board needs to approve the final easement for the installation of sewers on the Lebanon side of the lake; gives ability to install pipes in our ground and service them; how detailed do we want maps to get? Pipes and pumps owned by town, we still own land and have right to full use and enjoyment of easement area except when WPCA needs to work on pipes; surface of easement area must be returned to its original condition – should take pictures/video of before; repairs are responsibility of WPCA and the town; L. Hennebury thinks depth of pipe should be listed; D. O'Brien will scan and send to Board and we can send notes on what we believe should be added; can compare to what signed with Town of Hebron; resident meeting coming at the end of July

4. Drinking Water – S. Martin – three trucks of water came in and installation of new pipes to new well source at old distillery began this past week
5. Boats & Rafts – address abandoned boats issue and boat pass distribution – S. Forgue – discussion regarding emails from Liz Bowen who lives next to Ryan Terrace ROW – raft being placed in water by residents who do not live on the water and was not approved by the Board; is also used as a boat; should move off private property; moored with 5 lb. bucket of concrete and an anchor and it moves around; ordinances were reviewed and a letter will be sent to the resident requesting that it be removed

Ray Decormier – update on passes; ordered (500) more boat passes – excess boats are a real problem – people who live on lake front and park on their own property are not a problem – the problem is parking boats on ROWs; one owner shouldn't put (7) boats on one rack and take all of the space; many boats without stickers; boat storage has been an issue for years; any ideas on how to resolve? Bring ideas to the next meeting; Meadowbrook ROW boat rack is leaning; D. Moorcroft – perhaps we need boat racks that can be moved like the one John Laferrier built so can moved for maintenance purposes; cost under \$200 to build and took about (2) hours – J. Laferrier will send info to Board

6. Weeds and Algae - include ultrasonic units – S. Forgue thinks we should put up signs/flyers that fertilizers are killing our lake and people need to stop using them; D. Martin has been doing water testing and algae is not as bad as it used to be; Secchi depth readings are getting more shallow and oxygen is depleting at bottom of lake which tends to feed algae blooms; need to address the sources of phosphorous entering the lake including animal waste, paving and fertilizer; L. Hennebury - encourage use of low level phosphorous fertilizers; D. Martin thinks we should address multiple issues and not attack one; get signage in process and flyer with solutions; rain gardens – possibly in Northeast Cove and consider sediment pond installation on Peter Gandelman's property; D. Martin encourages we take a walk on the site and see what would drain as this area is relatively clean and unneeded; this is a very sensitive property and should not be disturbed; Northeast Cove is good place to put a garden – let's get estimates; Board has decided to pass on offer to build a sediment pond on Gandelman property

S; Forgue – regarding barley straw – people moving stuff and not contacting him so he does not want to do this anymore

7. Communications – R. Decormier - website design reselection; need new web designer and we have gone to an outside party for assistance; D. Moorcroft – still need to change website to say that the Board meets every third Wednesday
8. Ordinances – per D. O'Brien, Mark Paul's enforcement document is done and verified with attorneys; J. Connor – we should continue to review the ordinances on a regular basis; S. Martin – don't forget that we cannot have ordinances that do not agree with the existing town ordinances; be careful moving forward
9. Security – J. Connor and J. Laferrier

Ryan Terrace ROW: people are hand carrying boats into the lake that have been in other lakes; need to educate boat carriers that need to wash boats/leave in sun for three days before place into lake; add signs to ROWs about weeds coming in on random boats

Wants permission to move boat away from Main Beach tree – leaks and cannot be used and should be removed before children climbing on it get hurt; no sticker – remove boat and put it where no one will jump on it in non-mowed area; Need to attempt to notify owner before get

rid of it; need to try to find out who owns it and will follow notification process for abandoned boats in whole district

State trooper from Troop K in Colchester will assist us when needed; J. Connor would like to meet with them and discuss if they can increase the number of patrols of the lake, etc. and an agenda should be put together for that meeting

10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – have about \$3000 left; the roads are in pretty decent shape for right now; monies left will be put into reserve account
 11. Calendar and Tasks – R. Decormier – add the signage to go up for Annual Meeting; add task to send flyers in March to not use phosphate fertilizers
- K. Receive Lake Management Reports – covered above; G. Knocklein wants to do a full plant survey of the lake this year and it is budgeted
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda...Old Business
1. ALD Self Help Document – move to next month
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
1. J. Connor bought a dock for sale that meets the requirements in our ordinance and is seeking our approval of the dock; aluminum dock – he will submit more info so we have it for the files
 2. S. CormierColchester house/ sent dock proposal – adheres to all our requirements; Board approves
 3. Fish stocking – L. Hennebury - is there any adverse impact of adding fish to the lake?
S. Forgue says G. Knocklein says OK as long as not adding thousands of fish; have to get permit from DEP to add 300-400 small mouth bass
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting
Email any requests
- O. Adjournment 9:00 pm
L. Hennebury, second by Lou Lenti

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