

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
MINUTES
June 18th, 2014 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: Dave O'Brien, Frank Hoisl, Ray DeCormier, Dave Martin, Sherri-Ann Martin, Mark Paul, Claire Lenti, Lou Lenti

Absent: Dave Moorcroft

B. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

No residents chose to address the Board

Dave Martin made a motion to move M. New Business, #1. Resident Violation, up to this point in the agenda. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Dave O'Brien reviewed the process to be followed by the Board. (See attached.) The "ALD Security Committee Summary, dated 6/18/14 was also read to the public. (See attached.)

Scott Massey – homeowner on Ames Rd. was allowed to speak; he stated that he is not concerned with prior issues. His sons were not charged with anything. Yes, they built the raft and launched it but he did not think they were doing anything criminal. He does not think his sons did anything wrong.

Frank Hoisl – asked what the raft was used for; the sons stated it was used for fishing and swimming; they had chained the raft up and did not take it to the rock; someone else took it.

Scott Massey – was given a copy of the Homeowners' Manual with the violation letter but he had not seen the manual previously. He stated that they have always played on the rock and he did not realize the issues we have had. His sons stated they have noticed broken bottles and trash but claim it is not theirs. The sons stated that starting the fire on the raft was not a good idea and it will not be repeated.

Frank Hoisl – if the raft catches on fire, the Board is responsible and residents are responsible for their guests' behavior.

Dave O'Brien – (27) people have been stopped for trespassing. It is a pattern we need to stop.

Massey Sons – asked if they could have a raft going forward or if they could use the existing one. Dave O'Brien – stated that an answer would be provided in the information mailed in response to this review

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mark Paul made a motion to accept the May Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Lou Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

2014-2105 Tax Collection Rate Bill information to be printed in Rivereast and Norwich Bulletin on June 20, 2014.

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

See attached

G. Receive President's Report

Dave O'Brien thanked Claire Lenti for her efficient distribution of passes and boat stickers. He said it took him two minutes to pick up his passes. Thank you to Claire!

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

See attached

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

See attached

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

D. Martin reviewed the boat inspection process with the Security guards hired for the beaches. Can be placed on line for resident information.

Performed lake testing on June 8th. Secchi depth was 5.4 meters or @ 17 feet. Plankton tow shows many plankton in lake.

Dead fish seen by many are the result of yearly spawning deaths. Many of the dead fish tend to collect in the coves when the wind blows so the fish kill appears worse than it really is.

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

1. Security – F. Hoisl – hired Securitas and covering beaches from 11 am to 4 pm. Have had some good feedback from residents. L. Lenti stated he was impressed with their professionalism and alertness.

There are still issues with Eric and his girlfriend and their dog running on the beach when dogs are not allowed. Eric and his girlfriend claim the dog is a therapy dog but therapy or service dogs are to be under the control of their owner; they are not permitted to run free. Dog does not have any identification as service dog. Security guards and others have tried to explain that dogs are not allowed to roam the beach during the summer season. A letter will be sent to the resident/property owner.

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft absent so no report
3. Storm Drains – D. Martin would like to pull out the Tom Fenton/Hebron Storm Drain Study to determine what else we can consider to do to eliminate silts entering the lake.
4. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – racks are built and some still need wood preservative applied but that will be done in the fall since boats are now on the racks.

Boat Trailer Storage Location on West Island Beach Road – D. Martin withdrew his objection in the previous meeting to spending \$2400. Trailers are 20 to 30 feet long and we expect 5 or 6 trailers to be stored there. We should consider charging \$50 or another fee per season.

Mark Paul made a motion to engage BSA to clear and level the space on West Island Beach Road for trailer parking at a cost of up to \$2400. Sherri-Ann Martin seconded the motion.

Ray DeCormier thinks the project is a waste of money. He objects to the ALD owning a buildable lot and believes we should sell it.

Dave O'Brien would like to get the work done in the current fiscal period since we are under budget this season.

Ray DeCormier voted against the motion. All others approved. The motion carries.

5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul shared the map of possible treatment areas identified in the permit. Actual treatment areas will be determined after late summer inspection of floating leaves.

If the Foxwells want their floating leaf weeds to be treated, they have to stop pulling them so they exist to be treated.

6. Communications – R. DeCormier has found a new sign maker in our neighborhood and signs are working out very well. He is adding new email addresses collected at the pass distribution to the website.
7. Ordinances – M. Paul – reviewing current status of bylaws and edits; R. DeCormier wants to review again and add more checks and balances or controls over our processes

Mark Paul is concerned that R. DeCormier's changes create factions within the Board; Dave O'Brien agreed that the idea of the Board is to have members vote on issues.

S. and D. Martin thought we already reviewed R. DeCormier's edits; C. Lenti thought a few items were still open; Mark Paul will send current document to the Board; if there are discrepancies, we may need to call a special meeting and vote. Send comments by Sunday night.

Tentative schedule: (same timeline agreed to in February)

Comments to M. Paul by 6/22

Public Comment Session on 7/12

Special Meeting on 8/16

8. Lebanon Roads – R. DeCormier working on the snowplowing contract language; wants bids by the inch or within ranges. He took the average snow fall data from an online website.

C. Lenti stated that Ledge and Beech Roads were both repaired and residents are pleased.

Only BSA bid on repairing Ryan Terrace for \$2450 and Manion for \$1850. Pond View had suggested installing a drain pipe to stop the pooling of water on Kelly's Corner and BSA suggested the same for \$2450.

Dave Martin made a motion to repair Ryan Terrace for \$2450, Kelly's Corner for \$2450 and Manion for \$1850 to be completed by the end of August. Mark Paul seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Do we want to discuss proposals to share the cost of the Lebanon roads across both districts? Think we should do a straw poll.

Dave Martin to take a look at putting together some options for the Lebanon roads.

Mark Paul will ask Adam Cohen about our ability to change the wording in the Special Act that created our tax district. Can we change it? What would cost and process be?

9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti new person hired to mow lawns waited until they were one foot tall. Will give one more chance or will go back to original proposals and hire another contractor. C. Lenti wanted us to consider purchasing a weed whacker but other Board members reminded them of the insurance issue we ended up having with the lake weed rake. We do not want to own equipment and loan it out.

The Board wants to thank the following residents for placing flowers on our District Property and maintaining them:

Barbara McDermott – plantings at front of Lollipop Beach
Dana Lopez – plantings at Oakland ROW

10. Calendar and Tasks – All set through June

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

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – hold for future discussion
2. Agreement of location at Main Beach for monument to our Volunteer Firemen – memorial needs to be placed 2 or 3 feet from the property line with the CT Water pump house. Will still be visible from road but will not be smack dab in center of property. C. Lenti to ask BSA for quote to relocate the stone.

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

S. Martin made a motion to add Ice Cream Truck discussion under New Business. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Pink ice cream truck driver complains that green ice cream truck driver does not have a license. A security guard asked and the green truck driver produced a license. This is really not our issue; should be sent to police.

1. Resident Violation of By-Laws and DEEP Boating Requirements on June 11, 2104
S. Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously. The public was asked to leave at 9:17 pm.

S. Martin made a motion to end the Executive Session at 9:49 pm. R. DeCormier seconded and all approved unanimously.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting
Nothing to add at this time.

O. Adjournment
Frank Hoisl made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 pm. Lou Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

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