

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

MINUTES

March 18, 2015

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231

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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, L. Lenti, C. Lenti, D. Martin

Absent: D. Moorcroft, M. Paul

B. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

C. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners:

Lorraine Long, 15 Meadowbrook Drive, Amston, CT

Extra money in the budget seems excessive. Can there be voting at the annual meeting and questions from the floor?

Comment: We vote every annual meeting and take nominations from the floor. Right now, there are two vacancies on the board. The annual meeting is to finalize the budget.

Jerry Horan, 7 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

Thank you for handicap positions on the boat racks. There are at least a dozen seniors using Oakland ROW.

Comment: The positions will be for the handicap people, not necessarily seniors.

Concerning the inspection of the boats entering the lake: A resident should pay for bringing their boat in and out of the lake, not the district.

Comment: The board keeps to Best Practices for the lake and found that there was very little cost. It helps keep some from sneaking in their boats after using them in other lakes.

Kevin Grady, 199 Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT

Has anything been confirmed with the town concerning H11?

Answer: D. O'Brien had a conversation with J. Solderberg about dredging and they will meet very soon. He will bring up the issue on H11.

Concerning the mooring of boats near Meadowbrook ROW, someone needs to speak with the owners and inform them of any rules before the season begins.

Comment: A mooring committee will be formed soon and these issues will be discussed.

MarilynRistow, 7 Meadowbrook Dr.,Amston,CT

What is the problem with mooring my catamaran near Meadowbrook ROW? My family has lived at the lake a very long time and never had a problem. Need to know what the rules are.

Comment: F. Hoisl will discuss where to moor boats, how many boats are moored, etc. with a mooring committee. A resident will need approval for mooring a boat and the board will make a decision.

Anita Conner, 145 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

Anita Conner is the accountant for the district. She discussed the financial data for the year ending June 30, 2014. Very good on net revenue over expenses. Have opportunities to form a budget closer to expenses and can target funding for emergencies. Discussion followed. See booklet attached.

An email from a board member who contacted Pullman &ComleyLLC concerning target funding and responsibilities of the district was read by D. O'Brien.

See attached.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

L. Lenti made a motion to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes. F. Hoisl seconded the motion. D. Martin abstained. All others approved.

E. Receive and Act upon Clerk's Report:

There is a correction to last month's minutes. In Correspondence and Communications, "Town engineer" should be changed to "CT Water Company engineer".

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

Emails sent to the board included comments, questions, and thoughts concerning the budget, erosion in row's, mooring, storm water management website, snowplowing, and Lebanon fire hydrants.

See Attached.

G. Receive President's Report:

D. O'Brien read emails from Al and Gail Fichtel concerning balance in budget, sand/erosion in row's, and mooring. Also, an email from Dave Bareiss concerning Lebanon fire hydrants. See attached.

H. Receive Treasurer's Report:

The balance is good. We have no debt. We need to think about large expenses in the future. The Lebanon snowplowing budget was \$12,000-\$24,000. We have paid \$24,000, so far and an extra cost of \$1500 for widening roads.

General fund target reserve funds---email from DominecMeringolo, Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) suggests a reserve fund for invasive plants should be \$100,000---\$125,000. Also, target fundsfor the Main Dam, Duck Pond, etc. need to be discussed.

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report:

D. O'Brien read the tax collector's report. See attached.

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/review Goals and Objectives:

D. Martin continues to work with Dr.Knoecklein.

K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and special Committees' Reports:

1. Security

Handicap boat rack positions--need to identify locations. Low on the racks? Label with a sign? Discussion followed.

There are boats on the Main Beach that were removed from the racks last year. Owners will be asked to remove them.

Security budget is good, will discuss spring security.

2. Dam

Nothing to report.

3. Storm Drains

Have approval permit for SE cove. Will discuss H11.

4. Boats and Rafts

Discuss relocating some racks, smaller rack on Francis row, moving some racks closer to water. Some racks need coating this spring.

5. Weeds and Algae

Barley straw will be ordered at the proper time.

6. Communications

Working very well

7. Lebanon Roads

Ten people came to the Lebanon Roads meeting. Discussed the last seven years of costs. The task at the meeting was to look at past and present snowplowing and road repair budgets. The committee will report recommendations to the board .

8. Beach and ROW Updates

Motion to approve list of brush removal, sand on both beaches, general cleanup, wasmadebyR.DeCormier.Seconded by F. Hoisl. All approved. Motion passed.

Motion to approve \$2275 for 4 new benches was made by D. Martin. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved. Motion passed.

Need a general permit for working within 100 feet of the water.

Contract for grass cutting Main Beach, dam area, Bergland Property, etc. for Baldie Landscaping Co. was renewed for this year. All approved.

Motion for Baldie Landscaping to cut and weed wack the ROW's and Lollipop Beach area was made by C. Lenti. Seconded by D. Martin. All others approved. Motion passed.

9. Calendar and Tasks

Data needed for newsletter. We are on task for March.

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

Continue to discuss budget at the next meeting.

M. New Business—Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion of splitting only higher lake tax into two payments next meeting.

Executive Session called to order at 9:30 P.M.

Adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting.

Nothing else to add.

O. Adjournment

D. Martin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by L. Lenti. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District