

**Amston Lake District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
MINUTES  
March 19th, 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, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, L. Lenti, C. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, D. Martin (7:06 pm),  
S. Martin (7:06 pm)  
Absent: M. Paul
- B. Call to Order  
Dave O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions  
Carl Wool, Deepwood Drive, Hebron  
Interested in the Gatekeeper position for this season; D. O'Brien requested he email his request  
to submit a proposal to R. DeCormier
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Dave Moorcroft made a motion to approve the minutes with changes to the dam ratings as seen  
in attached document under the Committee Reports, Dam. L. Lenti seconded the motion. F.  
Hoisl and C. Lenti abstained; D. Moorcroft, R. DeCormier, L. Lenti approved. The motion  
passed. (7:06 pm Dave and Sherri Martin arrived)
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
1. Researching Lebanon Road history: Found that when the Hebron and Lebanon Lake District  
Boards were combined, it was assumed that the Town of Lebanon would take over the gravel  
roads but due to a Town of Lebanon Road Ordinance from 1978, the town of Lebanon will no  
longer take responsibility for roads unless they meet current road construction requirements.  
If the gravel roads were built to look like Route 207, our neighborhoods would be destroyed.  
  
Since the town of Lebanon will not take them over, it seems fairer that all of the Lake  
District pays for the gravel roads; we all own them and I am sure that the people who live on  
Deepwood Drive in Lebanon drive on the gravel roads as often as those who live on  
Deepwood Drive in Hebron. It seems the roads should be like the beaches – owned by and  
paid for by all residents. The same opinion was stated by the existing Boards when they  
were originally combined.
  2. Tax Collection: The current method was one of three options considered when the Boards  
were combined. The easiest and least expensive method was to collect taxes "...in the same  
manner as the towns." We just work from the town of Hebron and the town of Lebanon's  
databases.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication  
See attached
- G. Receive President's Report  
Board of Assessment Appeals in Hebron revalued #2339 Francis Road (Francis ROW) and  
assessment was reduced from \$2240 to \$1190
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report  
See attached

- I. Receive and Act Upon Tax Collector's Report and Associated Open Issues regarding our tax collection processes
  1. Method used to collect taxes was chosen by collective Boards of Hebron and Lebanon when they merged; the least expensive method was chosen to rely upon the assessments determined by the respective towns
  2. Old Firehouse and Main Beach properties are missing from the tax database; probably due to combination of properties; D. O'Brien to research with town of Hebron
  3. R. DeCormier wants us to consider issuing one tax bill instead of two to reduce postings required by Tax Collector. S. Martin requested data on how many people are receiving two notices? How much extra work is this? No data has been provided. D. Martin made a motion to leave the tax payments at two notices if the payment is greater than \$200, as is done now. S. Martin seconded. C. Lenti wondered if raising the amount to greater than \$200 would make a difference but there is no data on how many residents would be affected. R. DeCormier opposed the motion. All others approved. The motion passed.
  
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives  
D. Martin – lake edges are fine but some docks had negative effects from the ice this winter; the lake only got lowered by 8 inches and not by the intended 12 inches. Next year, will start lowering the lake sooner to minimize damage to docks and walls on lake.
  
- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
  1. Security – F. Hoisl – D. Moorcroft met a retired state policeman who has moved onto the lake; he may have some good guidelines to help us; still concerned with boats that are being put in the lake without getting inspected. He may also be helpful in finding a new individual to assist with Security Services.
  2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – working on establishing what will be required of us for the dam to meet CT State Dam requirements that we expect to be asked to respond to next year.
  3. Storm Drains – nothing to report
  4. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti is looking for a new contractor; previous contractor is too busy to help us in time for spring season; DEEP has awarded us our permit for stocking fish; fish will come in late April and will be dumped into the lake; email should be sent to residents so they are aware
  5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul is working on obtaining permit; notice has been received by Lebanon Inland/Wetlands Commission, per Dave Martin.
  6. Communications - nothing to report
  7. Ordinances – nothing to report
  8. Lebanon Roads - \$25,000 total allocated for snow removal; \$32,000 was spent so need to move \$7000 from repairs and move to snow removal; luckily, we did not have an extra early thaw this year so it appears road damage is minimal; Should look at sharing costs for Lebanon roads between Hebron and Lebanon to more equitable and fair; Lebanon residents pay for Main Beach too, just like Hebron
  9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti  
Bid out list from last meeting and total cost is \$2360 (less than originally estimated.) Dave Martin made a motion to approve the updates and maintenance at a cost of \$2360. Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.
  10. Calendar and Tasks – D. Martin to order barley straw and to contact and discuss with Kevin Grady; D. Martin to provide map for installation; takes 2 people about 4 days at 5 hours each day;

two people for forty hours total; to be installed ASAP  
June and July 4<sup>th</sup> dates have been selected for pass distribution; dates to be verified with ALA and published to residents via email.

Need to remind ALA that additional porta-potties should be ordered for events. One is not enough and it gets really dirty and unusable. The porta-potty was too close to the water pump station last season so it will need to be moved this season to at least 200 feet away from the pump.

Lawn mowing contract needs to be done for end of April so get RFPs back in appropriate time frame.

Board members, please submit news articles for our newsletter.

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

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – S. Martin to research how this works for future use
2. Agreement of location at Main Beach for monument to our Volunteer Firemen – we need to identify which portion of the property belongs to CT Water Company and which portion belongs to us; F. Hoisl to follow up and then Board will do a site walk

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

1. Budget Planning for 2013/2014 Season – look at expenses to determine if appropriate at this time; D. Moorcroft believes we should do work on sink hole in Duck Pond and will bring costs; S. Martin to look at clerical expenses, D. O'Brien to contact ALA. D. O'Brien would like ALA to take the lead on the "pavilion on Main Beach" idea with residents

At 9:02 pm, Dave Moorcroft made a motion to enter into Executive Session. S. Martin seconded and all approved unanimously.

At 9:12 pm, the Executive Session ended.

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Many are out of town on April 16<sup>th</sup> so we will not have a quorum. S. Martin will cancel the April 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and reschedule a Special Meeting for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

O. Adjournment

At 9:15 pm, S. Martin made a motion to adjourn. L. Lenti seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

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