

## **AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

### **MINUTES**

May 20, 2015 7:00 P.M.

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston CT 06231

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#### **A. Roll call of officers and directors:**

D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, F. Hoisl, D. Martin, M. Paul, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

Absent: D. Moorcroft

Present: Brian Swanson, tax collector

#### **B. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

Bob Blackmore, 5 Rondaly Rd, Amston,CT

Submitted section 8 of the by laws for the board's review. See attached.

Al Fichtel, 203 DeepwoodDr, Hebron,CT

The sand at the shore at Meadowbrook Row has eroded quite a lot. He has 16 inches of sand in front of his property and cleans it regularly. It needs to be cleared out. Maybe grass can replace the sand on the ROW.

He is aware of the mooring committee. If a resident asked about mooring a pontoon boat maybe it could be placed on the outside section of the docks.

Also, if the boats were moored near Lollipop, some large rocks should be removed from the water on the dock side. It would be difficult for the boats to move in the area.

Pat Kaneda, 113 and 116 DeepwoodDr,

Are there rules governing pontoon boats?

Comment: No rules about the number of boats, just the size of the watercraft. The popular size being up to 20 feet right now. If we don't limit the boats, there could be an abundance of pontoon boats at some point in the future. There are about 15-20 now.

Candy Kozlak, 11 Woodside Dr, Amston,CT

My canoe is on Francis Drive and when the boat rack was moved, the chain was cut and the lock was taken.

Comment: You will be reimbursed for a new lock and chain.

Ken Levoie, 501 DeepwoodDr,Lebanon,CT

I'm curious about the boat launches being 50 feet wide. Maybe a letter can be sent to residents next to the rights of way concerning this.

Janet Garrett, 14 Cove Road, Lebanon,CT

Some people have asked if the survey issue should be brought up again. Maybe a special meeting is necessary. What is needed to reverse a vote if many residents were willing to vote for the issue? Is there a state statute? If there is a question on boundaries and board does not respond, what legal action would be needed.

Comment: Different maps have different boundaries. There would be a need to negotiate. Example, when a resident had to sell their property, some land was given to ALD. And another resident and ALD had to negotiate pieces of the land on the ROW. If a survey is taken today, it might not be binding because it is not the same as the old maps. The town hall has old surveys. The cost benefit to the community is small and would only be done if necessary (selling property,etc.). Can check with Attorney if legal boundaries are not known. Also, one can look at the District maps (PDF) and the Hebron and Lebanon Maps online.

Kathy Bouffard, 40 Louise Rd, Lebanon,CT

I had a survey done and got the maps at the Town Hall. Since all the maps are different, could the board pick one to use? And, for me, it wasn't worth going to court for a few inches.

Comment: If the boundaries were different, one would need a judge to determine an answer.

Paula Verrier, 97Hillcrest Dr. Hebron,CT

Concerning the composition of the board. Two members are not on property/voter lists.

Comment: We will check on this with the attorney.

**D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

M. Paul made a motion to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes. F. Hoislseconded. All approved except D. Martin abstained

**E. Receive and Act upon Clerk's Report:**

Residents need to apply for a handicap boat rack space when they pick up passes. To be eligible, bring an official DMV handicap parking pass in the ALD residents name when they pick up their passes.

Shauna Hatch, who was president of the ALA, moved from Deepwood Dr. to 12 Lake Road and would like to be included in the ALD District.

Comment: The board needs to find out the proper procedure on what could be done.

A resident wants to know the procedure for planting a tree or placing a memorial plaque. Comment: The resident needs to present all information to the board.

**F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication:**

Blake Correia (project manager/engineer) committed to repairing the meter covers.

Town of Lebanon approved the permit for dredging.

Joe Polulech walked the H-11 area and is collecting information and maps to continue plans for this area.

Emails were received concerning increasing the number of barley straw bales placed in the lake; using a bobcat, etc. to bring eroding sand back onto ROW's; and a request for the exploration of using absentee ballots for voting.

**G. Receive President's Report:**

Thank you for a successful annual meeting. Suggested that M. Paul call Uncas Health Department for testing the lake on the Lebanon side. Concerning insurance, the treasurer will obtain quotes for raising the umbrella policy. (from \$1 M to \$3M--\$5M, etc.)

**H. Receive Treasurer's Report:**

A complete report was given at the annual meeting. Our financials are adequate. We have a yearly review (like an audit). The website will be updated in the future to include the tax information.

**I. Receive Tax Collector's Report:**

The tax collector read and explained the report. The mill rates have been lowered:

Hebron- 1.33 and Lebanon-3.22

See attached

**J. Receive Lake Management Reports/review goals and objectives:**

The first sampling was done on May 2<sup>nd</sup> which included H-16 and H-11 and were sent out to be analyzed. Several people helped with the sampling. The NE Aquatic Research is updating the report for 2014. As of August 2014, no invasive plants were found.

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

Security

Met with the fire marshall to check the clubhouse. We have a clean bill of health.

Also, discussed the dry fire hydrants. Still looking at possible places on the ROW's, Main Beach, and residents properties.

The summer security coverage will begin mid-June. We need a security mission statement. F. Hoisl will put one together. We are not a police department. We try to enforce the ordinances as best as we can. A resident should dial 911 when necessary.

Main Dam

Nothing to report.

#### Storm Drains

D.O'Brien met with Town of Hebron. The resident on Ames Road will sign the agreement for the dredging project.

D. Martin will give storm water results on H-11 to Joe Polulech.

#### Boats and Rafts

A new rack was placed on Francis ROW. Sealing the racks can be done in the fall. The mooring committee has checked on areas for mooring boats. They decided not to add to the existing docks. It would be too congested. They are trying to identify places where boats could be moored and will bring a recommendation to the board.

#### Weeds and Algae

The bales of barley straw have been placed in the lake early this year. H-11 seems to be improving. The Vortechnic unit is working well. It seems to have eliminated the sediment at H-17. There is no sand in the stream. Kevin Kelly (Town of Hebron) maintains the Vortechnic unit.

#### Communications

The website will be updated soon.

Erika Kadish will be handing out the boat passes which will begin in June.

An email will be sent to all residents with pass information..

#### Lebanon Roads

The Lebanon Road Committee will be starting an RFP soon for repairing the roads.

#### Beach and Row Updates

The Beaches and ROW's are ready for summer. Benches have been placed.

Spraying for weeds and poison ivy will begin soon.

#### Calendar and Tasks

We are up to date so far.

#### **L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda----Old business**

Nothing to report

#### **M. New Business---Discussion and Possible Action**

Nothing to add.

#### **N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting:**

Need a large rock near entrance of walkway at Lollipop to prevent truck from backing in to launch a boat.

#### **O. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by F. Hoisl to adjourn. Seconded by M. Paul.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Claire Lenti, Clerk  
Amston Lake District