

**Amston Lake District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 21st, 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, D. Martin, C.Lenti, L.Lenti, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul (7:06 pm), S. Martin
- B. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by D. O'Brien.
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions  
Ron Niemczyk, 33 Kelly's Corner, Lebanon  
Provided pictures of water covering the road at the end of his driveway in the spring; road washes out and freezes/thaws repeatedly; please look into repairing drainage in area to stop pooling  
  
Claire Lenti will get bids on reparations.
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Dave O'Brien requested the following change:  
K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Report  
8. Change "...consider splitting the roads 50/50 between Hebron and Lebanon..." to "...split equally across all property owners."
- Dave Moorcroft requested the following changes:  
Same section  
8. Change "All on Board believe..." to "Most on Board believe..." and add: "Dave Moorcroft believes that the Act creating the Lake District states that we are not able to share the Lebanon road costs across all residents in both towns."
- Also, L. Act on Remaining Items on Agenda  
2. Add "We need to look at how the location of the Firehouse Memorial effects the District's use of the property. We do not want it to interfere with our use of the property."
- Dave Moorcroft made a motion to accept the minutes from 4/23/14 as amended above. Dave Martin seconded the motion. L. Lenti, C.Lenti, R. DeCormier and M. Paul abstained. All others approved.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report  
Nothing to report
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication  
See attached list
- G. Receive President's Report  
Nothing to report
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report  
Ray DeCormier brought in his binder with all of the bank statements and detail to be available for review by the Board; see attached report

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report

Dave O'Brien read Brian Swanson's report into the record

J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

Dave Martin met with Dr. George Knocklein, our lake scientist. They spent three hours touring the lake with his intern; Dr. K was impressed with the cleanliness of the lake; the vortechnic unit is removing sediments as is the plunge pool to the right of the unit. All plunge pools installed on ROWs are working well and Dr. K. approved of the actions we have taken. Dr. K also approves of adding the bass and catfish and supports the removal of the barley straw from the lake at the end of the season. He verified that Chatham Health Group will continue to do our e-coli testing. Dr. K would like to do a full plant survey this year to identify plants replacing water lilies and growing in dredged areas. Full survey cost is \$1500.

Although some do not like the plants in the lake, the diversity of plant life balances the ecosystem. We need to keep vigilant for invasives.

On the first Saturday of the month through the summer, D. Martin will set up information on the picnic tables outside of the Clubhouse to inform residents of invasive plants and lake health.

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

1. Security – F. Hoisl – will have 11 am to 4 pm security persons staffed at both beaches on the weekends; will provide an umbrella and chair to make look more official. Emergency and non-emergency contact numbers are posted at both beaches. The security person will keep watch over the parking lots and check beach passes. A log will be kept of issues to determine if we need to address anyone specifically. On weekdays, there are two local people who will check the beaches to ensure proper use.

Carl Wool is concerned that people will go to ROWs if turned away from the beach so ROWs should be watched as well.

Frank wanted to start Security coverage mid-June but all thought starting on Memorial Day makes more sense so we are consistent with beaches.

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – signage is needed to keep people off of dam; need to meet with John Soderberg/Hebron to determine what can or cannot be done to the back of the dam to clean it up so we can meet the DEEP requirements for maintenance
3. Storm Drains – nothing to report
4. Boats & Rafts – Boat storage – R. DeCormier – (5) slips remain unrented and all boat racks have been built and installed; still need to put wood preservative on a few.
5. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul to set up time for ACT to come meet with us and identify possible areas of treatment for the fall; does not mean we have to treat but puts permit in place if we do
6. Communications – R. DeCormier – new email package on website is working great and we can send attachments now, if desired. The owner of "City Sign" in Hartford lives on Oakland Rd. and has been helping out with printed signs at nominal cost.
7. Ordinances – M. Paul – changes will be resent out to the Board soon; all comments should be sent back to M. Paul as soon as possible; need to identify issues for next regular meeting to discuss and put on public website for review before meeting is held in August to vote on By-law changes
8. Lebanon Roads – C. Lenti – Ledge and Beech Roads will cost \$2450 each to repair per BSA bid.

Pond View has not been responsive to our bid requests and we need to repair.

Dave Martin made a motion to approve up to \$4900, depending upon lowest bid obtained. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

9. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – Lollipop parking lot is repaired but we should consider a long term solution to the water erosion issues that occur each spring. Need to look at installing a plunge pool or drain.

10. Calendar and Tasks – on track

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

1. Open Space/land trust possibilities – hold for next meeting
2. Agreement of location at Main Beach for monument to our Volunteer Firemen – need to look at site and discuss at next meetin
3. Boat trailer storage location – West Island Beach Road – Should we charge for storage? Mark Paul thought we should gauge demand before charging and all trailers should have a boat sticker for identification purposes.

Ray DeCormier thinks we should sell the property since it is buildable.

Dave Martin does not think we should spend a lot on this project or cut any trees down of size.

Dave Martin made a motion to spend up to \$750 to prepare the site with a \$50 charge for each season for each boat trailer stored there. Also, no tree over 8 inches should be cut down without approval from Dave O'Brien. Mark Paul seconded the motion. Ray DeCormier voted against and all others approved.

L. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

1. Consider Changing Tax Bill to split into two payments at \$500 instead of \$350  
Added to agenda by unanimous approval.

Ray DeCormier made a motion to change the split amount into two payments for the tax bill from \$350 to \$500. Lou Lenti seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Ray DeCormier feels this change would be helpful to the Tax Collector as he would only have to send bills out once and make one entry for up to 90% of the taxes collected from residents.

Sherrri-Ann Martin believes making this change without resident input is unfair. Many people live on fixed incomes and budgets and this could cause major upheaval for some.

Ray DeCormier believes people are not in a position to pay the second payment in January after the holidays so better to just pay all at once.

Vote on the motion: R. DeCormier in favor, Claire and Lou Lenti abstained and D. Martin, S. Martin, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul (4) against. The motion fails.

M. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Nothing to add

N. Adjournment

Mark Paul made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm; Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

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