

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17th, 2010 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Dave O'Brien, President
Ray DeCormier, Treasurer
Lou Lenti, Director
Dave Moorcroft, Director
Scott Forgue, Director
John Connor, Director – arrived at 7:08 P.M.

Absent:

Laurel Hennebury, Vice President
Dave Martin, Director
Sherry-Ann Martin, Clerk

B. Call to Order 7:01 pm

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

Dave Arnold, Ames Road, Hebron

Main Dam Spillway information – Requested that the board monitor the main dam spillway (center of the spillway) for water leaking through the existing spillway cracks. The winter freezing condition might create damage. Dave Arnold recommended that the board adjust the water level below the spillway accordingly (suggested 12" below the spillway) as we monitor the main dam in cold weather to prevent potential damage to the spillway.

Carl Wool, Deepwood Drive, Hebron

1. NE Cove – Seep point may now be underwater due to recent dredging activity. Carl would like board to test the water for e-coli and other harmful bacteria that might be entering the lake. In the past bacteria was found in this area.
2. Is there a second phase to the NE Cove dredging project? Per D. O'Brien the board has not discussed this subject.
3. NE Cove shoreline was disrupted during the dredging process will this be restored to its original state? D. O'Brien – yes.
4. Water levels are now low from the dredging project. Carl wants to make sure that ice does not set in before the water level is raised. He feels that resident's dock might be damaged if ice forms and then lake water levels are raised.
5. Liability Insurance – Carl wants copies of the dredging vendor's liability insurance.

Rich (Joyce Clark) – Deepwood Drive, Lebanon

Rich provided background on the recent dredging activities at the NE Cove in front of his property. Rich wanted the board to know that BSA who was the General Contractor did an excellent job. Rich asked that the residents cooperate with each other to continue to improve the lake health environment. The board thanked Rich and Joyce Clark for allowing the Amston Lake Tax District to use their property to stockpile the removed sediment (140 cubic yards) for dewatering before being trucked out of the watershed. The board also said the project clean up will be completed in roughly two weeks and the lake water level will then be restored to off season (winter) levels.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – S. Forgue motioned to approve the minutes, L. Lenti seconded.
Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – S. Forgue motioned to approve the minutes, L. Lenti seconded. Approval was unanimous.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – No report given the Clerk was absent from this meeting

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – See attached list

G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien:

1. A telephone conversation with John Soderberg, Wetlands Agent for the Town of Hebron regarding waterfront activity on Ames Road (new green house next to Dave Arnold). There was a construction machine building a retaining wall without any sedimentation control. Muddy water was spilling over the main dam. John told me that the retaining wall was shown on their building permit, but they did not obtain any approvals from the Town of Hebron, Wetlands Committee. John met with the homeowner and corrected the situation. John and I also discussed the process for ALD Board review and authorization per new ALD Ordinances.
2. The Small Claims Court agreed with Amston Lake and we do not have to pay Mr. Sabia. See letter from the Small Claims Court
3. Questions on Grossman Development, Lake Rights – I spoke with Mike O'Leary, Town Planner in Hebron. Mike told the open space area of the Grossman Property is a non issue. This is treated in the same manner as the Hebron owned roads within the Amston Lake Tax District.
4. Communications issue for the board to consider. Review of any and all activities before they take place on tax district owned property. We need to communicate this message clearly to all of our residents (Lebanon Roads, Retaining Walls, etc.).

H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. DeCormier presented and discussed report – see attachment

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – D. O'Brien read reports from E. Curtin – see attachment

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

1. Dam – D. Moorcroft: Currently 16" below the spillway for the dredging clean up process. Will monitor the main dam center spillway per request of Dave Arnold, Ames Road, Hebron – refer to agenda item C. above.
2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien: vortech unit – The tax district property owner with the storm drainage outflow requested changes to the engineering design docs; this slowed down the process and the project will not get done until the springtime. Need the two tax district residents to sign the legal agreements for use of their property and then make sure this project remains on track for the springtime. Once the legal paperwork is completed, the board will contact Andy Tierney, Town of Hebron and request scheduling dates.
3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – No report – absent from this meeting
4. Drinking Water - S. Martin: No report – absent from this meeting.
5. Boats & Rafts – S. Fogue Thanked D. Martin, J LaFerriere, D. Arnold and; Lynn Mika for volunteering to moor the tax district owned docks for the winter season. This saved the tax district money and the entire board appreciates their efforts.
6. Weeds – L. Hennebury: No report. Absent from this meeting.
7. Communications – R. DeCormier – nothing to report
8. Ordinances – J. Connor – nothing to report
9. Security – J. Connor – Thanked J. LaFerriere for his efforts this month and the security report (see attachment). Must address an abandoned boat that floated up on a resident's property. J. LaFerriere will follow up. The board thanked the Town of Hebron, Andy Tierney for lending orange cones for Halloween visual warning that children will be on Deepwood Dr. – A reminder to slow down and be aware of the children.
10. Lebanon Roads – Snow plowing contract completed. Minor road repairs for winter completed.

Andrews Street sign – still missing; Board requested that D. Martin provide the size and shape of the sign and a brief description of how the sign will be connected to the street sign post. R. DeCormier will then order the sign and the board will have it installed.

K. Receive Lake Management Reports – D. O'Brien: Water testing process for NE Cove will be implemented.

Northeast Cove – Final project clean up is being completed. The water level will remain lower for the next two weeks. Water levels will then be restored to the off season levels (winter levels).

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

1. ALD Self Help Document – Briefly review and will continue to discuss next month
2. Discussion on Calendar and Tasks – Responsibilities and Assignments – R. DeCormier –continued updating
3. Boat, Beach and Car Passes: Continued the Discussion; The Board has agreed to the following process:
 - (a.) each property will be issued (2) car passes and (2) beach passes
 - (b.) a \$25 fee would be charged to replace lost passes
 - (c.) Boat passes will not be issued without a completed boat pass form including a description of the boat(s)
 - (d.) All passes distributed will be recorded by property
 - (e.) R. Decormier completed new excel spreadsheet – used a custom developed program (no cost to tax district) to convert the tax collectors report to a boat, beach and car pass reporting process. The board thanked R. DeCormier – this was the most difficult part of this process – well done!
 - (f.) Boat, beach and car pass number sequence discussed and agreed upon
 - (g.) Distribution process discussed – will continue to review at the next meeting with the board

All Board members will continue to list concerns and ideas for this discussion next month

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

1. Discuss selling District owned lawn tractor – S. Forgue to follow up and research the process (cost, logistics).

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting –

- Request – Discuss brush cleaning and tree trimming process for Lollipop area - S. Forgue
- Request – Research and discuss the new electric jet ski that is being introduced re: lake access – L. Lenti
- Request – Move Discussion on Calendar and Tasks under Standing Committee reports – J. 11. – R. DeCormier

O. Adjournment – Scott Forgue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lou Lenti. Approval was unanimous at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dave O'Brien, President
Amston Lake Tax District