

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2010 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
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- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
- B. Call to Order 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
Drew Gibson, Rondaly Road, Hebron – can we close Deepwood Drive for Halloween for some period of time?
Or, have Security available from 5:00 to 7:30/8:00 pm? Put cones from Main Beach area to split at Clubhouse?
Would help protect kids. O'Brien agreed to request cones from Town of Hebron; interested in cost of installing electricity at Main Beach and/or Berglund property to have entertainment – currently borrowing from residents who are next to the areas
Drew will do leg work to find out how to hook up to electric and we can consider for budget; Hennebury - perhaps can reimburse through ALA? Website front page proposal with Lynn Mika to separate ALA from the Board but still want to move forward and have front page done in December
- Dave Arnold, Ames Road, Hebron
Dock information – rentals for \$100 per season; the district voted and were trying to pay for all docks to cover expenses via rentals: \$70 was cost given and should consider restoring rental to \$70 per slip; no charge for inspection of boats or for swimming and costs associated with maintaining beaches; winter storage costs \$350 for each ramp to be moved in and out of the lake; be careful not to leave the poles in the mud over the winter or the ice will destroy them – potential is \$2400 replacement cost per dock if left over winter; why not use anchors D. Arnold had purchased to hold docks in instead of concrete blocks? Get stuck in the mud; should use anchors so docks can move; DeCormier says he called EZ Dock and they asked depth and wave movement and told him that we did not need to take the poles out; CT Distributor of EZ Docks says not to leave them in over the winter; should remove the docks and hold the legs in the up position and then anchor them; don't need to anchor them in the middle of the lake; L Hennebury we need to look at future maintenance and costs as this seems much more expensive than we expected but this is another conversation
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – D. O'Brien requested the removal of the phrase “and telephone pole will need to be moved” from Section J, number 1. Storm Drains as this is not required; S. Forgue motioned to approve the minutes with the change, D. Moorcroft seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – need to file 2011 list of Regular Meetings with the Town Clerks; Motion to approve the third Wednesday of each month for the 2011 Regular Meetings for the Amston Lake Tax District Board by Sherri-Ann Martin, second by Scott Forgue; approved unanimously; See attached list to be submitted to the towns of Hebron and Lebanon with this month's minutes
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – See attached list
- G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien: Hebron WPCA asked us to notify residents that baby wipes and grease cannot be flushed down the toilets in the sewered section of the lake; pumps are being jammed with items and will result in additional cost to Hebron if do not stop; O'Brien has agreed to help them get the word out to residents;
- Lenny Sabia – put in request to sue the Amston Lake Tax District for changes made to driveway in district property on Cove Road; hoping decision goes in our favor; waiting for letter of decision from the court
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report - \$4000 over General Fund amount at this time last year; be cognizant of monies being spent in collection of water samples for testing; G. Knoecklein was called out here several times to do training sessions and replace equipment etc., we need to get better at controlling this but we are doing really well over all, financially; revisit the water testing process and get it refined and the cost cut as low as possible
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – S. Martin read reports from E. Curtin for the months of both September and October; see attached (September report was not printed out and available to be read last month)

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

1. Dam – D. Moorcroft: can go to 18” below the spillway for the dredging to occur according to data from the past from Reggie Miles and George Knocklein; D. Moorcroft says water is still going over spillway at this time; limiting factor is the gate valve and it is open to full amount
2. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien: vortechnic unit – A. Tierney has not been able to meet with neighbors who need to review docs; may not get done until the spring now due to stalls in meetings and cannot install with approvals
3. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – engineer and commission working on intermunicipal agreements with Hebron, Colchester and East Hampton; pumping stations will need upgrades; leaks in East Hampton sewers – trying to determine cost to buy into system; application for funding needs environmental report and preliminary engineering report to be completed
4. Drinking Water - S. Martin: no more water being delivered to Lebanon side; seems bleach has been added to the pipes on the Lebanon side for the winter
5. Boats & Rafts – D. O'Brien: invitation for vandalism to bring boat docks on land and too difficult since weigh 350 + lbs.; contract with BSA to remove the ramps and place to side of beach areas; Dave Arnold is concerned that we need to take the poles out of the water or they will be ruined by the ice; R. DeCormier concerned that we do not need to move; need labor to get pipes up and docks positioned offshore; D. Martin would like one month to get volunteers together to move and if cannot get enough volunteers, then will address in November meeting; still six boats tethered to docks; Lynn Mika will send emails to owners
6. Weeds – L. Hennebury: has emails out to ACT regarding herbicide spraying; need to ask what plan of action would be if found an invasive species in the lake; ACT member mentioned that he could assist with how to address invasive species, if needed and will communicate an emergency procedure to us
7. Communications – R. DeCormier – nothing to report
8. Ordinances – J. Connor – nothing to report
9. Security – J. Connor – Handicap sign replaced at Lollipop Beach; diapers in trees and dog waste on beaches; J. LaFerriere: hikers stopping to let dogs run but no flack when ask people to leave; resident found paddle boat adrift over at 189 Deepwood – could have been one of the “thefts”; a fishing boat was stolen from a dock including cutting a lock for it

Resident Hans Kilbourne – street lights were removed by the town – can a lamp be installed at the parking lot so can see who is coming and going out of lot? D. Moorcroft pays an average of \$10 per month for the light on one of his properties in another town; need to look at how we would do this and consider for budget next year

J. Connor - hears there is increased drug activity on the lake; J.F. says per “Trooper James” kids from Amston were arrested at Ted’s and arrested in Glastonbury

10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin – Snow Plowing was bid out – five suppliers responded to request for bid; two suppliers sent bids; BSA bid \$12,000 plus \$100 per storm for sanding on Ledge and Beach Roads, \$17,790 received from another supplier. Only BSA provided insurance information as requested. Dave Martin motioned that we accept BSA’s bid for snowplowing. J. Connor seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Motion by Scott Fogue to approve Road repairs to be completed for \$1200 by BSA – fix potholes and re-roll roads so prepared for snow removal; one load of process and \$765 of labor, second by Lou Lenti. Approval was unanimous.

Andrews Street sign – missing; D. Martin has contacted Town of Lebanon too see if they provided the sign; original signs were put up by the Board (Greg Baier) per L. Hennebury; follow up for next meeting

K. Receive Lake Management Reports – D. O'Brien: need to get better on the water testing process

Northeast Cove – permit received; had to go back and request additional amounts to be removed when dredging was performed from 60 cubic yards to 180 cubic yards; soil scientist tested the soils and wetland has been identified where we wanted to stockpile the removed silt; identified and all set to go now; crane will sit on pads and remove silt to land where it will dewater surrounded by silt fences, hay bales, etc.; after dewatered, we will pay to truck the silt from the lake; to start at the end of next week or shortly thereafter; will be \$3000 to \$4000 to truck silt out of watershed; thinking of alternatives that may be less expensive

Southwest Cove to be looked at next year – we will look at a spot in each town every other year; we did one in Hebron, working on one in Lebanon and will move to another delta in Hebron on an ongoing basis

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

1. ALD Self Help Document – move to next month
2. Discussion on Calendar and Tasks – Responsibilities and Assignments – R. DeCormier – wants to identify October through December tasks so we can see them three months ahead; add dock removal to October calendar; transcribe notes in Board binder to add tasks outlined and identified by Dave Arnold; start barley straw process in January for next spring/summer; add November to set Board meeting dates for next calendar year; any other changes/adds should be sent via email to R. DeCormier to continue updating
3. Boat, Beach and Car Passes: Discuss Distribution Process – reviewed L. Hennebury and R. DeCormier proposals for future distribution; The Board agreed:
 - (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

All Board members are to list concerns and ideas for discussion next month

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

1. Discuss selling District owned lawn tractor – tractor in shed is taking up all of the space we have for storage and we do not use it due to liability issues; all agreed we should determine if it is operational and an approximate value. We can then auction if off in the spring and advertise the auction in our newsletter

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – carry all Old Business items from this month over to next month; no New Business requests at this time

O. Adjournment – Scott Forgue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lou Lenti. Approval was unanimous at 9:14 pm.

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