

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of directors Regular Meeting

MINUTES

September 16, 2015 7:00 PM

ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, CT 06231

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A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

M. Paul, F. Hoisl, R. DeCormier, B. Lederer, B. Pelegano, M. Gut, L. Lenti, C. Lenti

Absent: D. Martin

B. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

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

President's request: please make comments, requests, and concerns brief.

Scott Forgue, 277 Deepwood Dr., Amston, CT.

The Vortech unit placed near his property is working exactly as expected. It is working perfectly.

Karen Wax, 25 West Woodland St., Lebanon, CT

I have 2 different figures on my tax bill. I have not heard from anyone yet.

Comment: The Tax Collector will help you.

Jerry Horan, 7 Rondaly Road, Amston, CT

Did some research on a machine to clean the beaches. It will pick up debris, weeds, etc. and sift the sand. It costs \$12,500 from Barber Co. A sales rep will give information to the board.

Kevin Grady, 199 Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT

Any update on H-11?

Comment: L. Lenti invited him to stop by the cottage and discuss the information and look at the maps.

Bob Blackmore, 5 Rondaly Rd, Amston, CT

There has been six or more car break ins from Hillcrest Dr. to the Lebanon side. The state police are aware of this. An email blast could be sent to residents to alert them.

Al Fichtel, 203 Deepwood Dr, Amston, CT

The state police were in the neighborhood today. Seems like they were investigating the sound of firecrackers or gunshots in the area which were very loud.

Barbara Dawley ,185 DeepwoodDr, Amston, CT

On the safety committee with Dana Lopez. They have obtained 175 signatures on the traffic safety list concerning speeders on our district roads. They are close to setting up a meeting with the towns and she would like to be on that committee to come up with the best solution for Amston Lake District.

Comment: Speed bumps at Andover Lake were destroyed during the winter.

B. Pelegano made a motion to add discussion of this committee to new business. R. Decormier seconded. All approved.

John Larew, 125 Deepwood Dr. Amston, CT

I wanted to mention again my concern about the weeds at Elsmere ROW and in front of my house and my neighbors. I'm giving the board a letter to authorize my daughter to accept any correspondence from the board

Comment: A permit will be obtained by the end of the year for spraying to be completed next fall.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:

L. Lenti made a motion to approve the August 15, 2015 minutes. B. Lederer seconded. All approved except B. Pelegano and F. Hoisl abstained.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report:

The first and second notices concerning removal of large boats because of lowering the water level were sent to residents. An RFP for the dredging of the Ames Road area was sent also. A revised order for a new agenda was discussed.

F. Presentation of Correspondence:

Emails were received concerning a boat illegally chained, a camper on Lollipop beach, prickles on the Main beach,a thank you for clearing brush on the corner of Bush Rd and West Island Beach Rd. which has much dirt/fill if the ALD needs it, what size boat will fit the docks, if a few boulders can be removed near the steps on Lollipop beach when the water is lowered,and parking for an October wedding.

G. Receive President's Report:

Report will be under new business

H. Receive Treasurer's Report:

We have no debt. The largest expenses are Lebanon roads and security. It has been a fairly quiet month and we are well within our budget. The board is looking ahead on the various costs concerning the two dredging jobs.

I. Receive Tax collector's Report:

No report yet.

J. Lake Management Report:

No Report

K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committee Reports:

Lebanon roads

A report from the Lebanon roads committee included: Project 1 was completed, Project 2 will begin soon, the Water Company resolved all issues, had a meeting with Brandon Handfield (Town of Lebanon) with issues/concerns about catch basins, safety issues and he will address the items as possible: needs to schedule with other town priorities. Snowplowing proposals were received and decided upon. The next steps will be to prepare an email blast to residents about the next project, consider other roads to be repaired, and prepare a tracking log for calls/emails on residents' concerns.

Security

The summer coverage is finished and fall/winter coverage will begin. We have a budget for the coming year. A survey should be sent to residents concerning what security is needed and what the board can do. There was a traffic survey completed by the town of Hebron-no results yet. The safety committee will be part of security. Discussion followed.

Dam/Duck Pond

The water is being lowered in preparation for the dredging. It loses one inch per day. We need to lower the water about 30 inches.

The Duck Pond dam area is cleaned. Ideas included: A slope 44 can be added to the top of the duck pond dam which grows to an 18" height and is easier to maintain. A fabric can be laid to keep down brush growth and lessen further erosion on the water side. The 10-inch pipe at bottom of concrete part should be looked at to see how it works, and should a pile of mud be removed around the pipe. Discussion followed.

Comment: Find what repairs, etc. are necessary and the costs. Get the whole picture and make a plan for the next few years.

Storm Drains:

No report

Boats and Rafts:

Reminder that the boats are to be removed from the racks by November 1st. An extra rack does not seem necessary right now—check again in the spring. An email can be sent to residents reinforcing the size of new boats. If a dock is dilapidated, can notify the owner to repair or remove it.

Mooring—an email was sent to residents updating the mooring issue. Most of the responses were negative. The committee is still in the discovery phase.

Weeds and Algae

No treatment this year. Areas need to be identified that need treating and ACT submits the permit and will explore other issues.

Communications

Placing notices in the Hartford Courant (serving Hebron and Lebanon) was priced better. We will use it from now on and save money.

Beaches and ROWs

The prickles on the Main beach have been treated, but they need to be removed. Volunteers are needed to rake/dig the prickles and remove them. Can offer pizza and sodas.

Meadowbrook ROW--- a report was received by J. Polulech and needs to be studied. Discussion followed.

Calendar and Tasks

Items have been completed or are on task.

L. Act on Remaining Items—Old Business:

Lake Road properties: since the Town of Hebron owns the property from N. Pond Rd (across from the duck pond) to the properties in question, the town manager and town planner agreed to draft a letter to include part of this property along the stream into the ALD. This would make the two properties in question contiguous to Amston Lake.

R. DeCormier made a motion to approve \$1830 to fix the apron on Lollipop parking lot and add process to the lot. M. Gut seconded. Five approved, 1 opposed and 2 abstained.

M. New Business:

Discussion on the following: standing committees and who would chair them, new committees such as Finance, Research, Safety and Website content management, be formed. Ideas to increase resident volunteerism, changes to district communications, using a security survey and gathering information for a pavilion.

The safety committee will be under security. Plans are being made to decide what is best for Amston Lake (what will work and what won't) before making appointments with both towns to see what they would suggest.

R. DeCormier made a motion for an executive session and F. Hoisl seconded.

At 10:11 PM the board went into Executive Session.

The session ended at 10:40 PM.

Results: The snowplowing contract went to B & B Superior Contractors, Inc.

The dredging contract went to BASE Construction.

N. Prepare agenda for next meeting:

Nothing to add.

O. Adjournment:

B. Pelegano made a motion to adjourn, F. Hoisl seconded. All approved.

The meeting ended at 10:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Claire Lenti, Clerk

Amston Lake District