

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19th, 2012 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, S. Martin, D. Martin, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul, J. Connor (7:15 pm), F. Hoisl (7:10 pm)

Absent: L. Lenti

B. Call to Order at 7:02 pm

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

Fred Crocker, 109 Deepwood Dr, Hebron

The bobcat clearing work done on Main Beach has caused two problems: they have lost their privacy with the cutting of all of the brush but most importantly, storm water is now running directly into the lake; please replant something that will grow quickly and please supervise suppliers in the future

Ray DeCormier made a motion that we approve the expenditure of up to \$600 to place shrubs for privacy and plantings to filter storm water; Mark Paul seconded the motion – all approved unanimously

Dave O'Brien also explained that an email was sent to BSA explaining our requirements from suppliers and he apologized to Fred Crocker

Candy Kozlak, 11 Woodside, Hebron

Next time, please do not cut brush when there are many children playing on beach; dangerous

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mark Paul seconded the motion. Dave and Sherri Martin abstained – all others approved

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – nothing to report

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – see attached

G. Receive President's Report

The total cost to destroy the old firehouse at Main Beach was only \$39,000. The Town of Hebron will be issuing us a \$6000 refund to be returned to the General Fund.

The new boundary line with 54 Deepwood and Mannion ROW has been set; a Special Meeting needs to be held to get district approval

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

This year's insurance was paid out of last year's funds so cost appears to be zero but is not; We are in a good cash position – keep in mind that \$64,000 is earmarked for dam repairs and \$45,000 is earmarked for dredging of Southwest Cove – see attached report

End of year data is being given to Anita Connor for our end of year audit

I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – see attached from Eileen Curtin; read into the record by D. O'Brien

- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives – Dave Martin
Blue “oil” reported in Southwest Cove is naturally occurring manganese; the orange/rusty stuff in the water is naturally occurring iron – info to be placed on website for all to know

D. Martin to provide previously gathered storm water runoff data for the Hebron side to determine the best place to install the vortechnic unit; D. Martin to also provide a video of storm water running down Wood Acres Rd. and into Southwest Cove; H17 inflow is biggest problem area

Barley straw bales need to be removed from the lake; D. Martin and F. Hoisl to volunteer to remove and dump in the Martin’s garden for compost – Sept 23rd start date.

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$600 to remove the barley straw bales from the lake; Mark Paul seconded the motion – all approved unanimously

Possible assistance with solution for brush clearing done between the Main Beach and the Crocker residence: Ask Town of Hebron to install curbing in this area

Lily pads are growing thickly in area protected by CT Water; others are slowing starting to regrow; M. Paul to put together info to get a permit to treat them again next year, in case we need to

- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees’ Reports

1. Security – F. Hoisl: Expired stickers identified on boats on beaches/ROWs – (19) found – (16) identified via old sticker info and (3) are unknown; requested that R. DeCormier again send out the request to remove boats by November 1

We are down to (10) hours of Security; Amanda Harlow has some great ideas for next year; do we need to increase coverage next year?

Dave Dederer has removed several items from the bottom of the lake including a refrigerator, computer monitor, computer printer table and other odd items.

Block watch Meeting: gathered (87) ideas; Hebron has agreed to supply (7) signs for free – have made same request of Lebanon; homeowners can request to have street lights installed and then to pay for them; the Board cannot make a commitment beyond a one year budget so cannot agree to CL&P’s (12) year commitment. Many agreed that not having street lights is a plus; in the past, many teenagers congregated under the streetlights; Speed bumps are desired by many

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft: Water level was down 19 1/4” but now only 18” after previous day’s rain: goal is to be 22 to 24” below the spillway – easy to empty but difficult to maintain proper level; need to have sand dropped at Main Beach for coffer dam bags; thank you to D. Martin for mowing the brush on the dam; D. Martin to supply CT Water contact names so we can inform them of our dam repairs
3. Storm Drains – D. O’Brien: Working with Town of Hebron to install vortechnic unit in a new location
4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – Deepwood Drive is to be repaved in October; be aware that Oct 30th we will be starting to truck out the dredged materials from Southwest Cove and route is Deepwood Drive to Spafford Drive in Lebanon – there will be several trucks going out to Route 207
5. Drinking Water – S. Martin: Copper is still under required levels; meters are being installed at all resident locations by the end of 2013; new water pipes are being installed on Ledge, Mannion and Beach Roads.

6. Boats & Rafts – docks need to be removed for winter; need to request that all boats be removed from the docks by Oct 5 for removal on Oct 6; Cove Road ROW and Oakland ROW need to have all boats removed so racks can be installed there first
7. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul: will research permitting process and will investigate to see if we need to do treatments for lily pads again
8. Communications – R. DeCormier: had a resident complaint that too much “spaghetti” weeds on shoreline and cannot swim in it in August/September. Dave Martin explained that this is vallicineria and it grows from the lake bottom – we cannot treat lake plants growing from the lake bottom without upsetting the ecological balance; these plants are beneficial to the lake and although they feel uncomfortable on your legs when swimming, it is a small price to pay to maintain our lake health
9. Ordinances – M. Paul: please send info on needed changes/adds to the ordinances so that we can organize, put together and address at a Special Meeting when most residents are available
10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin: aprons on Ledge, Mannion and Beech Roads must be repaved when the installation of the new water pipes is complete; sewer installations are already done; need to complete snow removal contract ASAP; need the Board/Dave O'Brien as president to push the Lebanon WPCA to replace the blue stone we had on our roads; R. DeCormier to look for BSA invoices detailing amount of blue stone we had placed in the past five years
11. Calendar and Tasks – S. Martin to put together 2013 Board Meeting listing for approval at October Board meeting and submission to Towns of Hebron and Lebanon

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

1. Discuss blight concerns and if there is anything else the Board can do to rectify – M. Paul to search for a municipal definition. We have not defined blight in our ordinances so we can't enforce it
2. Discuss Neal Family property adjacent to the Ray's property off Deepwood Drive in Lebanon – property identified on map provided by S. Martin; we need the property cost and tax data to make a decision as to how to proceed or not

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

1. Meadowbrook ROW Proposed Changes/Repairs from Jeff Brown; BSA has agreed to remove three rocks from the swimming area for \$250; F. Hoisl concerned this will allow for the possibility of launching boats from the ROW – the rocks are not on land; they are in water and simply a swimming nuisance.

Mark Paul made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$250 for BSA to remove three rocks from the water off of the Meadowbrook ROW to improve swimming area. Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion – all approved unanimously.

We also received a proposal from BSA for \$100 to remove 3 or 4 large rocks from the swimming area off of Main Beach to improve swimming conditions.

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$100 to remove three or four rocks from the Main Beach swimming area. Mark Paul seconded the motion – all approved unanimously

2. Ray DeCormier requested we add the approval of a request to the agenda for the Towns of Lebanon and Hebron to work with residents quickly while lake level is down; D. Martin and D. O'Brien stated that we need to use the oversight of the Towns of Hebron and Lebanon; we need to allow them to enforce the state and town zoning laws and we do not have discretion; D. Martin will put together an email for distribution to residents detailing what type of shoreline work requires a permit from the respective towns

N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Mark Paul wants to discuss treatment of lily pads and the permit application process and cost so that we can get it established as a budget item for next year

Ray DeCormier wants to discuss changing the car and beach pass coverage dates to Sept 1 to August 31. This may improve the ability of summer residents to obtain their passes in a more timely fashion

- O. Adjournment – Mark Paul made a motion to adjourn; Dave Moorcroft seconded and all approved unanimously at 8:50 pm

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