

AMSTON LAKE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

April, 3, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

A. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- b. March minutes accepted
- c. Roll Call of Members:

In Attendance: Frank Hoisl, Joyce Clark, Jeff Arpin, Dave Bareiss,
Kathy Garvie, Les Parlin

Absent: Maureen Dagon, Al Fichtel, Steven Reagan, Kathleen
Feldman

B. Discussion Topics

1. Finalization of AER SOW, Approve Estimate

- a) The ALHC approved the last version of the AER offer and Frank will send the signed version to AER so we can start work.
- b) Frank will note this approval will be contingent on the Budget approval but AER can start work and use the funded 2018-19 budget

2. Phoenix Labs, Approve Estimates

- a) Kathy Feldman and Jeff Arpin worked to try and get a bundle test reduction but that is not how the lab works
- b) Frank to get approvals to Phoenix Labs so we can obtain bottles for our 1st storm water and Deep-water tests.
- c) After the meeting Frank worked through Anita Conner to get appropriate paperwork to Phoenix Labs

3. Approve budget 2019-20

- a) Budget defined in the meeting agenda was reviewed
- b) AER reduction in price due to preliminary analysis performed by ALHC, Saved \$500
- c) Some differences with the spreadsheet Jeff updated in the testing area
- d) Discussed the \$2000 needed for AER to perform initial storm water sample location analysis
- e) Frank to review and pass on to Anita Conner
- f) After the meeting Jeff had discussions with Anita and reviewed Jeff budget input, Added CFL lake membership, corrected boat In and out costs, reviewed AER and Phoenix lab costs and spread, Broke

out Barley straw Purchase/Install and removal costs. Anita to review with Frank and the BoD.

4. Removal of Burrs from Beaches, Chemical or mechanical

- a) ALHC rejected the use of chemicals on the beaches due to public safety, lake health concerns and the need for repeat applications
- b) Discussed other options, Raking, Sand cleaning machine, beach cleaner, or (colloquially) Sandboni is a vehicle that drags a raking or sifting device over beach sand to remove rubbish and other foreign matter.
- c) Hand raking, pulling weeds
- d) ALHC was not aware of a huge public outcry because of the Burrs

5. Final report from NEAR, Approve?

- a) Jeff noted that all his comments were implemented and the report which was recently provided was approved by him
- b) Jeff also received a spreadsheet for the data that NEAR had on file
- c) Jeff reviewed the data and noticed some information was missing, he then combined the data ALHC had on file and in reports with the NEAR data and provided to both NEAR and AER, NEAR was very appreciative and AER noted this was in a good form for them to do their work.
- d) NEAR (Hillary) is doing a detailed paper research to recreate their files and noted could provide a PDF of them in the future for our records. Jeff thanked her
- e) Jeff noted NEAR has been very helpful these last few months during the report review and comment resolution,
- f) NEAR, Hillary asked if we were using their services in 2019-20, Jeff noted we were starting to use AER because we seemed to get less and less attention by NEAR. I noted I was very pleased with her recent efforts and possibly we could work with them in the future but we were changing for the coming year. Hillary noted she understood.

6. Geese on beaches, lay down chemicals

- a) ALHC got increasingly concerned that any issues with the lake are trying to be resolved with chemicals, the addition of chemicals was rejected.
- b) Other means such as Owl figures, flags, Hazing, Foil, not feeding the ducks or geese, Egg handling (thought this was too aggressive, kills the egg) were much better options

7. Barley Straw, Locations and Quantity

- a) Frank reviewed the information proposed in the Meeting Agenda
- b) Suggested less bales in the H-11 area, and add new area L27 that could use some of the H-11 bales
- c) Discussed breaking open the bales into smaller grouping so they work better, really need to do this in the future and need to get volunteers to do it

8. First major rain storm, readiness

- a) Jeff closed out an action item identifying the storm water assignments
- b) New sampling procedures are needed
- c) Need information from Phoenix Labs
- d) Set up meeting to closeout efforts
- e) Meeting was scheduled after this meeting for 4/12/19 7PM
- f) Noted that text messages would be sent out to collection team by Joyce to these numbers
 - 1. Frank Hoisl 860 810-4652
 - 2. Joyce Clark 203 873-7855
 - 3. Jeff Arpin 860 207-5193
 - 4. Kathleen Garvey 860 338-4947, (Not available 4/10-4/20)
 - 5. Maureen Dragon 860 466-0486
 - 6. Dave Bareiss 413 537-4218 Home 413 734-6295 Cell
 - 7. Al Fichtel 860 338-4300
 - 8. Steve Reagan TBD
 - 9. Kathleen Feldman TBD
 - 10. Les Parlin 860 456-9104 (Land line, no text)

9. Subcommittees

a) Plunge Pool

- 1. Joyce, Dave, Les, Jeff, Frank working to get areas identified by walking around the lake (Lebanon and Hebron)
- 2. Need to finalize efforts

b) Dams

- 1. A must committee
- 2. Focus on duck pond first because Main dam just updated
- 3. Need to follow existing procedures
- 4. After meeting Anita provided Jeff all the Dam files which he added to the ALHC historical file spreadsheet

c) Watershed

- 1. Joyce working closely with the Town Engineer Joe to get designs that will minimize materials entering the lake, Joyce also coordinating the lake walk arounds
- 2. Les doing a great job collecting maps and files and combining for use by the ALHC in the Catch basin, ROW, Detention Basin efforts
- 3. After the meeting it was decided to measure the depths of the Lebanon catch basins because Lebanon DPW cleaned out the open basins and catch basins on Monday 4/8/19

d) Community Education

- 1. Good Idea, we already have significant material
- 2. Les handed out a Residential Stormwater wheel and caring for our lake (DEEP) and suggested handing to the public on boat sticker days

e) Fish

1. Received report but Jeff noted a date was not correct so asked Al Fichtel to get corrected, wrong year
2. Good idea because this could be a substantial effort

f) Hydrant

1. Just do, no committee needed
2. Hydrant at duck pond seems to be a good idea, may help to possibly dredge to get better depth

10. Action items

- a) Jeff reviewed current actions, items below were modified as a result of the discussion
 1. Close action 30, get data on website
 2. Action 31, Jeff to schedule review of Lake Management procedures, Joyce, Frank, Kathy Feldman, Dave, Jeff to work together to get updated and issued
 3. Action 36, Jeff to schedule time for culvert cleaning (Discussions with town occurred, Lebanon cleaned CB 4/8/19, did an outstanding job, Jay Tuttle)
 4. Action 46, Joyce is leading, correct action item lead
 5. Action 51, Jeff will attend conference, received final notification
 6. Action 55, Phoenix testing costs, Completed
 7. Action 56, Add L33 to Joyce
 8. Action 57, Update lake health budget, Completed, Revision 4 is the latest

11. Parking Lot

- a) No time to review Parking Lot items, some are duplicates of items covered in the meeting

C. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 (Joyce motion, Jeff 2nd)
- b. All future meeting dates scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of each month,

Respectfully submitted by: Jeff Arpin