

## **AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

October 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.

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

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### **A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

### **B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors**

Present: F. Hoisl, B. Pelegano, A. Connor, T. LaMontagne, A. Fichtel, A. Stec. Absent: L. Bowen, J. Greenfield.

### **C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

F. Hoisl moved to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by A. Fichtel. All directors approved, 0 abstained, and the minutes were approved as written.

### **D. Presentation of Correspondence**

T. LaMontagne received two requests for boat sticker #s. The first to facilitate clearing boat racks at Ryan Terrace ROW and the second to track down a kayak that was recovered by the Jamestown, RI Harbormaster.

A. Connor received emails regarding financial statement formats, audits performed on ALD finances, and posting finance committee meeting minutes to the district webpage.

A. Stec received notification of a damaged tree that required attention.

### **E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

None

### **F. Task List and Action Items**

F. Hoisl went over the outstanding items. One Weir board has been removed at the dam. It was recommended that item 5C be removed from the task list. It is necessary to hire someone to remove the dock ramps. F. Hoisl spoke with the ALD's attorney and was advised that it is legal to have vehicles towed at the owner's expense if they violate ALD bylaws. B. Pelegano recommends signs be made prior to the summer season that warn of towing. He also recommended a system of warning be put in place. A warning sticker would be affixed to the vehicles windshield. A ledger would need to be kept of offending vehicles and warnings issued. After one warning, the violator will be towed.

### **G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners**

Patty Arnstad, 13 Woodland, Lebanon: Referenced 3/18 minutes in which the discussion of a lake manager was proposed. She wanted to know if that idea had been further discussed by the board. F. Hoisl explained that we had discussed forming a committee to explore the idea, but that it had not happened to date. He also noted that the subject had been raised at the 2019 annual meeting. A. Connor noted that at one point it was noted that we might not need to hire a lake manager because we had filled board positions and had increased the number of resident volunteers.

Gerry Horan, 7 Rondaly, Hebron: Wanted to know if the board had been in contact with

CT Water regarding the quality of water they were providing. A.Stec advised that individuals can contact CT Water to receive a test kit if they have concerns about their water quality. F. Hoisl noted that oversight of CT Water is a town government responsibility, but he would follow up with the utility.

Terry Nixon, 7 Woodland, Lebanon: Thanked A.Connor for her response to her correspondence, but believes an annual audit of our finances should be completed. A. Connor noted that the budget and tax reports are posted on our website monthly with clear indication of money coming in and going out. Audits are expensive. We had an AUP engagement conducted when A.Connor took over the position of Treasurer.

Giselle Maillet, 145 Ryan Terrace, Lebanon: Believes we should have a system of checks and balances with regard to our finances.

#### **H. Receive President's Report**

F. Hoisl foregoes the President's Report in order to open a discussion of soliciting a new member to the board. One resident in attendance, Patty Arnstad, expressed interest and will make her intentions known to the board at the November meeting.

#### **I. Receive Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports**

A. Connor stated that the reports are posted on the website. There were no large bills during the month of September except a water testing bill. In response to the two residents who had discussed a system of oversight on our finances, she proposed that our bank statements be posted to our website as well as the Treasurer's and Tax Collector's reports.

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

1. Lake Health (Jeff Arpin reported):

Hired an engineer to conduct a study of Manion Rd. erosion.

The committee continues to work with the town of Lebanon and the WPCA on sewer hookup. There are currently 15 households not connected.

Recent water sample results are good.

Northeast Cove Phragmites update. Measuring growth continues.

2. Beaches and ROWs (B. Pelegano reported):

Several new members have joined the committee.

The committee is working on a spreadsheet that identifies what work needs to be completed regularly and a list of potential contractors for said work.

B.Pelegano made a motion to reimburse a member of the committee (Marge Nichols) \$44.60 for a rendering of the Ryan Terrace ROW project. A. Conner seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

F. Hoisl reported on the Ryan Terrace ROW project. The project is completed

and it went well. Both the contractor and project manager updated F. Hoisl on a daily basis.

3. Security, Boats:

B. Pelegano reported that the security company has received final payment.

4. Communications:

A.Connor reports that she has written a 20-page document that compiles some of the history of the lake dating back to 1912 up to the present. She would like the board to consider publishing the document on the board webpage. She will send copies to all board members to read and consider.

A.Conner wanted to remind the board of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Hebron referendum to upgrade the public sewer system. Hebron property owners have the right to vote on referendums even if they are registered voters in another town. If you will be out of town on the day of the vote you can request an absentee ballot.

F.Hoisl recommends an email blast be sent out, reminding property owners to vote.

**A. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action**

A.Stec asked if a supply of processed stone could be purchased and stored on district land for smaller road repairs. It was agreed that this is a good idea and she could utilize the trailer parking lot for the supply.

Next year's beach and boat pass distribution process was discussed.

A.Connor would like to simplify the mail-in process, which currently requires several steps. It was agreed that a simpler process could be set in place with another P.O. Box or the use of the processor's home address.

T.LaMontagne agreed the process was cumbersome and would look into a solution.

**B. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting**

**C. Adjournment**

B.Pelegano moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., seconded by A.Fichtel and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Todd LaMontagne, Director  
Amston Lake District

Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.