

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom and phone

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

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

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

A. Connor received a letter from the president of the ALA requesting support of their budget again next year. She also received a letter from the ALD insurance carrier, CT Casualty, requesting a copy of our budget before they process next year's renewal.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

Nothing to discuss at this time.

F. Task List and Action Items

F. Hoisl went over the task list items for April and May. A. Fichtel said he is holding off ordering the porta-potties at this time.

G. Receive President's Report

F. Hoisl thanked the board for doing their best to keep the business of the ALD moving forward. He reported that the directors are doing everything they can to keep up with all the Executive Orders that are coming out and using the District's counsel to make sure that we are following all the right rules to keep everyone safe.

H. Receive Treasurer's and Tax Collector's Reports

1. The Treasurer's report has been posted to the website. 2. An Executive Order has been issued allowing the ALD, as a municipality, to adopt the budget through a vote of the BOD, after receiving input from the community. A. Connor made a motion to allow the board to adopt a FY 2020-21 budget at the regular May board meeting. The proposed budget will be posted on the website 14 days prior to that meeting and the board will accept comments from District residents for discussion at the May board meeting. A. Fichtel seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. 3. The Tax Collector's report has been posted to the website and outlines two programs that the ALD can offer its residents regarding tax collection this year. J. Greenfield made a motion that, following the provisions that are allowed for municipalities, the ALD will offer the two programs to our residents—both a payment deferral to October 1 and a reduced interest rate charged for late payments. A. Stec seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. 4. A. Connor and Tax Collector E. Curtin are looking into

offering an option for residents to pay their taxes online.

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

1. Finance: The upcoming April 20 meeting has been canceled.
2. Lake Health: The committee has been active in collecting data this spring while following social distancing. They are working with the engineer to look at designs to refurbish the plunge pools at the ROWs.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. Discussion ensued about the start date for when boats can be returned to the racks at the beaches and ROWs. 2. F. Hoisl will check with the contractor who did the work at Ryan Terrace to see when this ROW can be opened.
4. Security, Boats: 1. B. Pelegano reported that P. Arnestad is taking over security from him. Next year's total cost for security will remain the same as this year's; hours will be reduced but the hourly rate has increased substantially. A start date has yet to be determined. 2. F. Hoisl reported that Dave Arnold will hold the boat dock lottery on April 27, but we are in need of a contractor to install the docks. 3. A. Connor made a motion to reuse the current black 2019-20 passes for the 2020-21 season, and only issue the new orange passes we've already ordered for the 2020-21 season if we run out of last year's passes. The 2020-2021 passes will also be used for the 2021-2022 season. T. LaMontagne seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Lebanon Roads: A. Stec will send A. Connor a list of what is expected to be spent on the roads for next fiscal year's budget. She will be stepping down from the board at the end of June and we will need a new director to chair the Lebanon Roads Committee.
6. Signs: T. LaMontagne reported that if we think a car is parked illegally the state police will issue them a ticket. If it happens more than once, the police will call for a tow. We currently have signs in place that notify people that they can be towed if they are parked illegally.
7. Communications: 1. L. Bowen reported that although a resident has volunteered to help with the newsletter, it will be more expedient to communicate with residents via the website and email blasts during this period of uncertainty. If we publish a newsletter at all it will be in late summer or fall.

J. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

F. Hoisl moved to postpone the annual meeting from May 20, 2020 to sometime in the future, as allowed by Executive Order. J. Greenfield seconded. Discussion ensued, including how we will vote for new directors and officers. We can evaluate where we are in a month and what our options are at the time. The motion was unanimously approved.

K. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. As president of the ALA, they are going to waive membership dues this year but would still like to increase their membership. Since lake passes are not being distributed in person at the clubhouse this year, and that is where ALA does their membership drive, he would like access to the lake pass mailing list. Since the names and addresses are given to the ALD solely for procuring passes, the BOD felt that he should get the information from the town assessor's offices, as it is public record. A. Connor will check with the ALD Tax Collector to see if she would be able to provide that information.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

Nothing to add at this time.

M. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Liz Bowen, Clerk
Amston Lake District

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