

# AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom

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## A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

## B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Present: F. Hoisl, J. Caines, L. Bowen, A. Fichtel, T. Nixon, K. Patterson, J. Arpin.

Absent: B. Pelegano, J. Greenfield.

## C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2022 meeting (K. Patterson/J. Caines) passed without objection.

J. Arpin clarified that the town of Lebanon has not yet issued liens and payment plans for the five houses in Lebanon that are still not connected to the sewers. A. Fichtel clarified that last month he didn't say that the lake was cleaner this year than last.

## D. Presentation of Correspondence

**T. Nixon:** Resident requested that BCC (blind carbon copy) be used when an email is being sent to multiple residents. **J. Caines:** Letter from a tree company doing work for Eversource on an abandoned private District road in Lebanon. **L. Bowen:** 1. Resident asked if there was anything the District could do about neighbor whose tenant keeps their garbage barrels out by the road all week long. 2. Resident who couldn't attend the AER presentation was concerned about the lake water clarity in recent years. 3. Resident suggested an article be written about the sewer systems on the lake and how they came to be. **F. Hoisl:** 1. Report of a tree that fell into a culvert on Cove Road with concerns that it could divert water over the road. 2. Group of eight residents on Deepwood Drive in Lebanon concerned about the weeds in the cove northeast of Lollipop Beach.

## E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. F. Hoisl said the resident who offered to manage the trailer lot never followed up.

## F. Task List and Action Items

J. Arpin suggested a few items to be added to the task list and F. Hoisl will also send L. Bowen some items to add.

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

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. 1. He is a member of the Hebron Green Committee, which has been asked by the town to review their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). He offered to review the section on Amston Lake and help advocate for the lake. 2. He reported that there is a group of residents on social media that would like to allow dogs to swim at the ROWs. 3. He suggested having an article in next year's newsletter about the tagged fish in the lake.

Todd Angelucci, 260 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon. He is among the group of residents concerned about the weeds in the cove northeast of Lollipop Beach. They believe the weeds are getting worse and get tangled in their pontoon boats' motors. He also believes that the muck at the lake bottom is getting worse. He offered the use of his property as an access point for any remediation that might be considered.

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

1. F. Hoisl welcomed both the new and returning directors.

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

1. J. Caines reported that both the monthly financials and the tax collector's reports are on the website. 2. The District collected \$4700 in revenue in June, and spent almost \$40,000 (\$23K of which was for the private roads project). 3. For the fiscal year ending in June, the ALD collected more back taxes and a higher percentage of current taxes than prior years. The ALD was hoping to overspend income by \$45,000 last year but only overspent by \$3,300. 4. The Workers' Comp audit is underway.

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

1. Role of Committee Chairs: F. Hoisl stated that some of the "committees" are really only one person. If a board member feels it would be beneficial to form a committee, or to add committee members, he will leave it up to the board member. As the chair of the Lake Health Committee, F. Hoisl has asked J. Arpin to take on the Lake Health Committee's chair responsibility. F. Hoisl will take over the responsibilities for signs and dams.

2. Lake Health: 1. F. Hoisl reported that no additional water testing has been done since the last meeting. 2. Aquatic Ecosystems Research (AER) will be doing deepwater testing at the lake for the next three months, and will be able to evaluate the area where A. Fichtel discovered the milfoil. He thanked A. Fichtel for his quick action regarding the milfoil. 3. A. Fichtel believes that the District should take a “wait and see” approach when there are changes in the population of weeds, algae, fish, etc. 4. A. Fichtel repeated what AER stated at their presentation last month – that the greatest deterrent to invasives is a healthy natural weed population – and one of the reasons the weeds are proliferating is because the lake clarity is allowing the sun to reach great depths. 5. A. Fichtel has contacted New England Aquatic Services regarding mechanical harvesting (a haircut effect) for the Lollipop cove which, if approved, would not take place until next summer.
3. Dams: 1. F. Hoisl reported that the riprap repair at the Main Dam will take place in late August or September. 2. The brush behind the Main dam and the duck pond dam has been cleared per DEEP requirements.
4. Beaches and ROWs: 1. T. Nixon reported that the poison ivy around the lake will be sprayed again. 2. The authorities have been notified about the person that has been creating some commotion at Lollipop Beach. 3. People are parking cars behind the old firehouse at Main Beach and then launching boats. A. Fichtel asked that he be called immediately if anyone sees this happening. 3. T. Nixon and K. Patterson met with a new contractor who will be quoting for work on brush trimming and plunge pool cleaning and repair. 4. In response to a resident request, the District will be replacing the current portalets with larger, accessible units this summer at both Main and Lollipop beaches. 5. A few residents are driving golf carts down to the water’s edge at some ROWs. Discussion ensued. If a resident feels they need an accessible accommodation, they must submit it to the board in writing.
4. Security, Boats: 1. A. Fichtel reported that he checked both beaches and all seven ROWs and only found five boats without valid stickers, which he will remove shortly. However, he is finding cars at Main Beach without the proper hang tags.
5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano was not at the meeting but reported via email that the Lebanon roads project on Bush Road, Andrews Street and Scanlon Terrace is complete and appears to be holding up well, even after the torrential rainstorm the

other day. The roads appear to be hardening well, as the company had indicated they would. The ALD snow removal contractor is aware of the new road surface and will take steps to avoid damaging it. 2. He has reached out to several contractors regarding pothole repair on four other private roads.

6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen reported she ordered and received 100 additional newsletters to be included in the welcome packets and distributed with lake passes. 2. She added a simple page on the website with info on the dams.

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

J. Arpin is now a member of the Lebanon WPCA and will report anything the ALD needs to know to the board.

**L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting**

There was nothing to add at this time.

**M. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (L. Bowen/T. A. Fichtel) passed unanimously at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Liz Bowen, Clerk  
Amston Lake District

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