

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

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

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting, amending item J1.1, by changing the name T. Nixon to J. Clark (K. Patterson/J. Caines). Unanimously approved.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

F. Hoisl: 1. In response to the August, 2022 email from a resident, at the discretion of the meeting chair residents will be allowed to speak briefly during the meeting to clarify an issue. In addition, the 2023 newsletter will include an article regarding the hazards associated with fishing tackle. 2. Received an email from the Amston Lake Association (ALA) requesting financial assistance to keep the clubhouse open for the winter. It will be discussed later in the meeting during the president's report. 3. A small tree that fell on Cove Rd. a few months ago had been moved out of the road but is possibly damming up a culvert. F. Hoisl will take a look this week. 4. Email from the Lebanon town planner, notifying the District of the winter farmer's market at the senior center on November 19 and December 17, 9a – noon. 5. The Lebanon town planner also notified the District about proposed construction at 310 Deepwood Drive, the first property to the southwest of Lollipop beach. The owners are proposing to install a dock and make some modifications to their shoreline. They are also proposing some road modifications, to divert some of the water that comes off the road. Lebanon Inland Wetlands Commission will be doing a site visit in November, and F. Hoisl would like some board members to also attend. **L. Bowen:** Email from Lebanon resident, asking what the District's role is with respect to barking and loose dogs. F. Hoisl will contact the Animal Control Officer to see if they have any suggestions, because it is apparent that many residents are dealing with these issues.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Lebanon WPCA Tank: 1. J. Arpin reported that the WPCA has decided to move the tank to the Lebanon garage soon, as the remedial efforts they have taken with the sewers seem to have arrested the problem for the time being and they don't feel it's necessary to continue to store the tank at the lake.

F. Task List and Action Items

1. A. Fichtel will be floating the docks at Main and Lollipop out in the next few days.
2. F. Hoisl will contact B. Pelegano about fall culvert cleaning on District roads.
2. Motion to approve the 2023 board of directors meeting dates being the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of December, when it will be the second Wednesday (L. Bowen/J. Greenfield) unanimously approved.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. 1. The ALA's first Trunk or Treat event on October 30 was a success. 2. The Hebron Fire Department will be bringing Santa to visit Main Beach and the ALA clubhouse on Wednesday, November 30. There will be cookies and candy canes for the kids at 5:00.

H. Receive President's Report

F. Hoisl stated that the ALA has done a cost analysis for the options of closing down the clubhouse for the winter to save on the heating bill vs. keeping it open. They have had a decrease in membership since COVID and they have been unable to sell memberships in conjunction with pass distribution over the past few years. Motion to approve the ALD giving a one-time subsidy of \$1040 to the ALA to keep the clubhouse open for the winter (A. Fichtel/K. Patterson) unanimously approved.

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

1. J. Caines summarized the tax collector's report and the financials, which are on the website. The District took in approximately \$3800 of income in October, most of which was back taxes. Year-to-date the ALD has recorded approximately \$126,500 in revenue, a combination of current and back taxes. Total ALD expenses for October were approximately \$15,000, leading to a net loss of \$11,600 – continuing to chip away at our surplus and bringing our net income for the year down to \$27,000.

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

1. Lake Health: J. Arpin went over highlights of their November committee meeting, which have been posted to the website: 1. He reported that the committee is concerned with what the effect of doing multiple year lake passes might have on back tax collection. 2. The committee suggested that B. Pelegano contact engineer Brandon Handfield for some ideas about the next steps for the Lebanon private roads. 3. Our limnologist for the past several years, Aquatic Ecosystems Research, is dissolving the company. The committee is looking into several other companies to take their place. 4. J. Arpin will discuss the storm drain that goes from Manion Road down to the lake, and is getting plugged up, at the WPCA meeting later this week. 5. The committee is changing their monthly meeting dates to the first Wednesday of the month. 6. F. Hoisl reported that in response to a letter received by several shoreline homeowners, he and B. Pelegano met with representatives of Solitude Lake Management regarding the weeds in Lollipop Cove, northeast of the beach. Their recommendation was to first use a chemical to kill the weeds at the top and then return to hydrorake. F. Hoisl is waiting for their written proposal but expects it will be approximately \$30-40,000. Discussion ensued. F. Hoisl confirmed that the potential work with Solitude was unrelated to the search for a new limnology firm.
2. Dams: 1. F. Hoisl reported that the weir boards have all been removed and the water is down approximately 8.5 inches of the 12 they expect to lower it by.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. K. Patterson reported that the fall cleanup will be this Saturday, November 19. She explained that they ask for volunteers because no contractor is interested in removing the leaves from the water. Our contractor will remove the leaves that the volunteers rake out of the lake during the week of November 21. 2. The committee won't be meeting again until February.
4. Beach Pass Checkers, Boats: 1. A. Fichtel reported that he's made attempts to contact the owners of the few boats that remain on the racks at the beaches and ROWs. He confirmed that the boats will be removed by the District prior to the cleanup on November 19.
5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano was not at the meeting but informed F. Hoisl earlier that there was nothing new to report.
6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen reminded the directors to read all emails completely before responding.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

There was no new business to discuss.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

To add: discussion of how to handle lake pass distribution in the upcoming years.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (T. Nixon/K. Patterson) passed unanimously at 8:30 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.