

## **AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT**

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

March 20, 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 7:00 P.M.

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

Present: B. Pelegano, A. Connor, L. Bowen, T. LaMontagne, N. Nurge, M. Dagon,  
A. Stec. Absent: F. Hoisl, B. Lederer.

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

B. Pelegano opened the meeting by stating that the town of Hebron informed us that according to FOI guidelines, they hadn't received tonight's agenda in a timely manner, therefore no decisions or votes may be completed during the meeting.

Approval/amendment of the meeting minutes from February 26, 2019 is deferred until the April BOD meeting.

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

1. A. Connor received confirmation from Atty Cohen that reparation for the damage at Lollipop Beach had been received. 2. M Dagon received an email that a boat rack at Francis ROW wasn't level and would need repair.

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

1. Future fire protection: T. LaMontagne reported that Captain Schall and Chief Olenick of the Lebanon Fire Department attended the most recent Lake Health Committee meeting. The officials discussed the large fire on Deepwood Drive in Lebanon last summer, and that the dry hydrant at Lollipop Beach was inoperable. They also talked about how they had installed dry hydrants in other areas. The cost is approximately \$2000 each, but there is a possibility of grant money. T. LaMontagne will meet with them at the lake in April to find areas where they could be installed, and then these efforts can be coordinated with the Hebron Fire Department. B. Pelegano stated that once the hydrants are installed, they will be accessible for use in other parts of town. He suggested putting one at the duck pond for ease of access, and because it's somewhat less populated than other areas. 2. Lake Health Committee member Jeff Arpin said the officials also discussed putting a fire department substation on Route 207 near Lake Williams. The idea of putting fire trucks in that area has been met with some resistance from the town because of children in the area at the campground.
2. Pontoon boat docking: Last month, four pontoon boat owners asked if the District would consider switching the boat slips for their boats from Lollipop to Main Beach. As this would be a somewhat difficult and expensive proposition, F. Hoisl was going to ask AER about the effect of hand-pulling the weeds in that area a few times each summer. B. Pelegano will follow up with F. Hoisl.

3. RFP's for District contracts: Discussion ensued about whether or not they would be useful. The bylaws do not require them.

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

From the outstanding items on the task list: A. Connor reported that she will order the Porta-potties to be in place prior to April 15, and is planning on ordering the barley straw for April delivery. Many of the other items will be discussed under committee reports.

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

Carl Wool, 182 Deepwood Drive, Hebron

1. He stated that he was a member of the fire department for 6 years. If we do install dry hydrants at the lake, tanks will not be coming here for water all that often – he believes it will be a rare occasion. 2. In response to the discussion of RFP's, he suggests that the BOD implement some supervision of lawn cutting and other jobs, checking to make sure that things are being done properly.

Marge Nichols, 18 Spafford Drive, Lebanon

She responded to Carl Wool's suggestion by saying that the Beaches and ROWs Committee has delegated one or two stewards for each of the ROWs and perhaps they can do that for each of their assigned ROWs.

Jeff Arpin, 225 Deepwood Drive, Hebron

1. He is trying to get a schedule of when the catch basins and culverts are cleaned from the Lebanon First Selectwoman. A. Stec said the culverts are only cleaned every 2-3 yrs. 2. The Lake Health Committee received the updated lake report from Dr. Knoecklein and it will be posted to the website. 3. Committee member Les Parlin is working on mapping out the catch basins, where and how we take water samples, and locations we need to work on to alleviate drainage problems. 4. The fish survey results have been received from the DEEP, and will be posted to the website. 5. Jeff believes that when the District does work on the Beaches and ROWs, there should be a liaison between the Beaches and ROWs and Lake Health Committees. 6. The committee received an updated estimate from AER, which F. Hoisl will give to A. Connor for budgeting purposes. 7. New water testing equipment was received but they will need to purchase additional testing solutions for the upcoming season in May. 8. He suggested that the District send an email blast to the residents regarding the lake's high concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorus, which are known to come from fertilizer and improper sediment control during construction.

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

B. Pelegano said that at last month's meeting a resident suggested that the BOD needs to be more cognizant of Robert's Rules of Order and the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. In addition, today the town of Hebron brought up the aforementioned meeting agenda issue and is holding us to the rules. Going forward, he'd like to help F. Hoisl streamline the meetings – in part by not engaging with the audience after the resident comment part of the agenda. He wants to hear from the residents, but only at the appropriate time – we need to keep things short and follow the rules.

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

1. A. Connor has issued the February financial statements, which have been posted to the website and can be received and discussed at next month's meeting. The Tax Collector's report is also on the website. B. Pelegano encouraged the BOD and the residents to read these reports monthly.

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

1. Finance: 1. A. Connor reported that at the last meeting, the committee discussed several things that they'd like to see adopted. They drafted a charter to define their role, and they recommend that every committee do the same. 2. She distributed two handouts, "Budgeting Rules to Follow", and another which discussed ways to present to the residents the impact that ALD spending has on each resident. She would like the directors to discuss these at the next BOD meeting. 3. A draft of the budget has been sent to each director. She will re-draft as changes are received.
2. Lake Health: This item was discussed earlier under committee member Jeff Arpin's comments.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. M. Dagon reported that the committee is going to renew the grass cutting contract with the current vendor. They are reviewing plunge pool maintenance to put a schedule in place. They recommend adding a minimum of one boat rack each for Hebron and Lebanon. 2. She will bring information on a proposal for a new spray treatment for the burr weeds on the beaches – the first application would be pre-emergent and then another treatment would take place 6 wks later. 3. Committee member Marge Nichols reported that Reynolds Engineering should be able to complete the drawing for Ryan Terrace ROW, at a cost of \$1475, in time for the April BOD meeting and the May Lebanon IWC meeting.
4. Security, Boats: 1. B. Pelegano informed Aron Security that we were dissatisfied with the guards last year. The company acknowledged the problems, and have hired new people. He is working on a system for the guards to report when they arrive and leave. 2. There are still five boats on Main Beach that had been removed by the District in the fall, as well as four owners who retrieved their boats from Main Beach without paying the fines. He will contact each of the owners a final time, and then will plan a boat auction for the spring. 3. T. LaMontagne has taken over the lake pass responsibility and has six dates planned for pass distribution – he will check with ALA for the clubhouse availability and then we will send an email blast announcing the dates and looking for volunteer help.
5. Lebanon Roads: 1. A. Stec is in the process of getting a contract to clean out the culverts. 2. She will be inspecting the Lebanon private roads in the coming weeks and getting quotes for any necessary repair work. 3. A resident came to A. Stec's house to complain about the private roads – said she has lived here for 30 years and thought that the roads would be paved by now. A. Stec will find

out from the town if there is a process for the town to take over a road.

6. Signs: 1. N. Nurge presented a proposal to replace the posts for the sign at Lollipop Beach that has come down. 2. She also presented a proposal to purchase two new bulletin board signs to replace existing signs at Main and Lollipop Beach. There are funds remaining in the signs budget for these items. The proposed design will be voted on at the April BOD meeting. 3. She is working on verbiage for new signs to be installed at the ROWs.
7. Communications: L. Bowen reported that several directors had submitted articles for the newsletter but she and A. Stec are still looking for more content and photos by April 1. A. Stec discussed website changes and upgrades.

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

Nothing to add at this time.

**L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting**

Will add the following items: 1.) Sign proposal/contract, 2.) Ryan Terrace ROW engineer contract, 3. Burr weed treatment.

**M. Adjournment**

N. Nurge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., seconded by A. Stec , motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Liz Bowen, Clerk  
Amston Lake District

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