

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 18, 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, A. Stec, T. LaMontagne, P. Arnestad.

Absent: F. Hoisl, A. Fichtel, J. Greenfield.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 20, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

B. Pelegano introduced Hebron Fire Chief Nick Wallick, who gave the BOD an update on the water rescue that occurred at the lake in October. From what he understands, a group of young people rented a house on the Lebanon side of the lake. They took two canoes out toward the rock in the Northeast Cove, and some of them somehow ended up in the water. One of them called 911, which was routed to the Lebanon dispatch in Willimantic. The caller didn't know where they were, but the dispatcher was able to ping the caller's cell phone and locate them off Ames Rd in Hebron. There were also two people in kayaks who heard the commotion and were able to locate the female and keep her head above water. Lebanon, Hebron, Colchester, Glastonbury, Marlborough, and Windham responded to the 911 call, as well as the CT State Police and the DEEP. When Chief Wallick arrived at the scene, the female that was the most critical was out of the water, CPR was performed, and she was transported to Hartford by Lifestar helicopter. The male that was in respiratory arrest came around and was transported to Hartford by ambulance. The female Lifestar patient just went home 3 wks ago and is expected to make an 80-100% recovery. She does not remember anything about the incident. Chief Wallick was not certain how many people were in the canoes and said it was difficult to piece the story together – their job is to focus on the rescue operation. The Chief said that because of the exercises the Hebron Fire Department conducts here once or twice a year they are pretty familiar with the area. He wanted to recognize two heroes of the rescue operation – Windham paramedic Cody Porter (a Hebron resident) and Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department Captain Jay Schall. Brandon thanked him on behalf of the District and requested that he pass along our thanks to his colleagues.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

1. In follow-up to a legal notice received by the District last month, L. Bowen reported that the Special Permit and Site Plan application for the new house being built at 209 Deepwood Drive in Hebron was approved at the November 12 Planning and Zoning meeting. The owners then emailed the District seeking approval to install a dock and were sent the ALD ordinances. 2. A. Stec said that residents are reporting car break-ins in the District through social media. It appears to mostly be happening to unlocked cars. An email blast to alert the residents was suggested.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Connor said that the District spent approximately \$950 to clean out the mess a beaver made at the Duck Pond dam. The contractor reported that the beaver relocated itself on its own, but now it appears that the beaver might be back.

F. Task List and Action Items

1. B. Pelegano stated that due to the expected absence of multiple directors for the January, 2020 BOD meeting, we will not have a quorum and the meeting will be canceled. Looking ahead, he reviewed the outstanding task list items for December and January. 2. T. LaMontagne will post the tax notices for January on the bulletin boards at Main and Lollipop beaches. 3. L. Bowen asked about the status of the Welcome Packet for new residents and wondered if we had additional handbooks in storage. She will contact the towns' assessor's offices to see what the process is for being notified of new residents. B. Pelegano will bring his copy of the Welcome Letter to the next meeting.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

Although there were several residents who attended the meeting, no one asked to address the BOD.

H. Receive President's Report

F. Hoisl was not at the meeting so there was no report.

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

1. The Tax Collector's report has been posted to the website but needs to be revised. L. Bowen will post the corrected report to the website tomorrow. 2. The Treasurer's report has also been posted to the website, and there were no questions from the other directors about either report. 3. A. Connor received a request from a Beaches and ROWs Committee member, asking how much has been spent so far on special projects. 4. A. Connor believes that all the invoices for the Ryan Terrace project have been submitted and paid. However, she questioned if the ALD had received the maintenance plan from the engineer yet, and if there would be an additional bill for that work.

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

1. Finance: The committee has not met since the last BOD meeting and won't be meeting again until February.
2. Lake Health: 1. Committee member Jeff Arpin reported that the installation of a catch basin at the corner of Manion Rd and Deepwood Drive will be Phase One of a larger project. So far, \$1,800 has been spent on the engineer's design, with a projected cost of approximately \$25,000 for installation. The District is trying to work with the town of Lebanon to see if they'll contribute as the catch basin will tie into their sewers. 2. Jeff reported that all homes on the Hebron side of the lake are connected to the town sewers. 3. A. Fichtel looked at all the plunge pools around the lake and believes the one at Lollipop should be our next priority. 4. Aquatic Environmental Research (AER) will do a presentation on lake health for the committee and the BOD – they should be done with their report in

mid-January. 5. The committee has determined that a plant survey will be done every year. 6. The next Lebanon WPCA meeting is scheduled for December 19, and will include discussion of sewer non-hookups at the lake.

3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. B. Pelegano stated that the committee has not met since the last BOD meeting. 2. Silt fence was installed by residents John Arnestad and Jeff McAllister at the edge of Lollipop Beach for a cost of materials of \$47.82. 3. A group from the committee raked the beaches and ROWs on November 23, and a contractor has since removed the debris. 4. One weir board has been taken out but the lake isn't low enough at this time to remove another.
4. Security, Boats: 1. B. Pelegano said we need to continue to look for a new security company. 2. There were not many boats to remove from the beaches and ROWs this year – the total for removal was \$295. A letter will be sent to each owner informing them of the fine and if the fine isn't paid, the boat will be auctioned off in the spring. The catamaran at Main Beach has been removed.
5. Communications: 1. L. Bowen reported that she had corrected the BOD meeting dates for 2020 and posted them to the website.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

Nothing new to discuss at this time.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

B. Pelegano will ask F. Hoisl to schedule the AER meeting with the BOD and Lake Health Committee.

M. Adjournment

A. Stec moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m., seconded by P. Arnestad, and the motion was 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.