

# AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom

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## A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

## B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

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

## C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting (J. Greenfield/J. Arpin). Four directors approved, 1 abstained.

## D. Presentation of Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

## E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Lebanon WPCA Tank: J. Arpin is a member of the Lebanon WPCA and stated that they'd like to eventually bury the tank in the cul-de-sac at the end of Deepwood Drive. Until that time, they'd like to find a location to store the tank somewhere within the District. B. Pelegano asked the directors to go over the list of ALD-owned properties before the next meeting so that we can propose a location to the WPCA.
2. Grinder Pump Information to Residents: J. Arpin stated that people think wipes labeled "flushable" are ok to flush, when that really is not the case, especially with a grinder pump system. Landlords are not informing their tenants about the grinder pumps. L. Bowen has added a notification bar to the top of the website about "no wipes in the pipes" and has also added some information about the sewer system on the Lake Health webpage. J. Arpin said the WPCA is working on creating informational magnets for homeowners to place in their homes.
3. Education/Signage Regarding Fishing: A. Fichtel doesn't think adding more signs would be fruitful, as people walk by the signs we already have. He believes the use of offset hooks is very common and although they're large, they are bass fishing hooks. B. Pelegano suggested we do an article for next year's newsletter on proper fishing techniques.

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

B. Pelegano highlighted some task list items and confirmed that they are underway or completed, including: signing the snow removal contract, email blast and signs for the November 1 boat removal deadline, and renewing the Zoom subscription.

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

Laurel Hennebury, 458 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon. 1. She feels that by not allowing anyone other than the board to speak, when they have information on a topic, is disrespectful and an improper use of the board's authority. She asked that the board reconsider how the meetings are managed. 2. She is a member of the Lebanon WPCA and stated that if ALD board member J. Arpin was not also a member of the WPCA, the ALD board would not have had the information that she wanted to share. 3. She said that A. Fichtel didn't have the relevant information regarding what she raised at last month's meeting regarding fishing, and that he could have asked for clarification. She thinks that the board's decision to move on was based on mis-interpreted information. Her point at the August meeting was that there are fishing lines left in trees with the tackle left on them, creating a danger for both wildlife and people. She'd like it communicated to fishermen to remove their lines and tackle from the trees when they get tangled.

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. 1. As president of the Amston Lake Association (ALA), he asked to be notified one way or the other if the auctions scheduled for September 30 at the clubhouse will be taking place. 2. He stated that the ALA does not have meetings from December – March and might close down the clubhouse for the winter, citing high heating costs, but has not made a decision yet. 3. He hopes that the ALD board is aware of the proposal from the Hebron Department of Public Works for a 2,000-ton salt shed in a residential area, at 17 Kinney Road. The proposed site involves wetlands and aquifers and could affect the lake if there were an incident. B. Pelegano will talk to F. Hoisl about drafting a letter to the DPW. 4. There are several ALA events coming up, including a speaker from the Hebron Green Committee on October 6, to talk about pollinators. 5. J. Arpin reviewed the specific section on Amston Lake in the Hebron Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and will send it to the Lake Health Committee for comments before sending it back to J. Matra and the Hebron Green Committee.

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

There was no report from the president as F. Hoisl was not at the meeting.

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

1. J. Caines was not at the meeting but L. Bowen reported that he had sent revised July financials, as well as the August financials, and that those, along with the August tax collector's report, are on the website. 2. L. Bowen stated that J. Caines would be filing the annual reports to the towns by the end of September.

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

1. Lake Health: 1. J. Arpin stated that the committee meeting minutes have been posted to the website. 2. The grate that normally goes in front of the weir boards at the dam was never installed this spring. 3. On Labor Day weekend high E. coli was reported but we didn't get the quick turnaround from the lab on the second test that we paid for. He's going to put together a procedure in case we run into this situation again next year, so that we can get the beaches open faster. 4. He'd like a blast sent to alert District residents that Aquatic Ecosystems Research (AER) will be on the lake with a gas-powered boat next week for deepwater testing. 5. J. Arpin reported that the ALD application to the DEEP for the milfoil treatment is complete but we are still waiting for their pesticides people to approve it. There is a concern now that the milfoil can't be located and the company doesn't want to spray without seeing it actively growing, so it ultimately may not be sprayed until the spring. AER will look again when they are here next week. AER and both towns of Hebron and Lebanon were very responsive to this situation, but A. Fichtel is extremely disappointed in the state's slow response.
2. Dams: 1. F. Hoisl was not at the meeting so there was no report.
3. Beaches and ROWs: Neither K. Patterson or T. Nixon were at the meeting so there was no report, but the minutes of the September 14 committee meeting are on the website. A. Fichtel reported that it appears that when the plunge pool at the cul-de-sac on Deepwood Drive in Lebanon was recently cleaned, approximately 12-15 feet of brush was clear cut all the way down to the water. This should not have occurred without ALD board or Inland Wetlands approval. Additionally, this plunge pool is on private (not ALD) property. B. Pelegano will follow up with T. Nixon to find out what happened.
4. Security, Boats: 1. A. Fichtel reported that he will install signs at the beaches and ROWs within the next week, reminding residents to remove their boats by

November 1. 2. He's been contacting residents whose boats are full of water and attracting mosquitos, and is thankful for the new boat pass system, making it easier to find the boat owners. 3. There are only four boats that have been taken off the racks for non-compliance, and are being stored at the trailer lot. 4. Things went well again this year with the beach pass checkers.

5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano thanked J. Matra of the ALA for his quick response in lending the ALD some traffic cones to mark areas where the private roads washed out. He has since ordered cones for the District, which will be stored in the shed. 2. Extreme Maintenance recently inspected all the private roads in Lebanon and scraped and rolled the areas that needed it. The three roads that were milled this spring are hardening up beautifully and he's hoping to get one or two more roads milled next spring. The goal is to get all of the flatter roads milled, and then approach the two roads (Ryan Terrace and Manion Way) that have a steeper grade and will be more expensive.

6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen had nothing to add to what was reported earlier.

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

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting**

To add: 1. Discussion of where to relocate the Lebanon WPCA tank.

#### **M. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (A. Fichtel/J. Arpin) passed unanimously at 7:53 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.