

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Remote meeting via Zoom

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Officers and Directors

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

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting, amended to add J. Caines as being absent (K. Patterson/J. Caines). Unanimously approved.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

F. Hoisl: Read aloud an email from resident L. Hennebury addressing five issues she has with the board meetings, along with his thoughts on the issues. He said the board could discuss later in the meeting under new business or hold off until the next meeting. **B. Pelegano:** 1. Email from resident J. Matra regarding the proposed Hebron DPW project on Kinney Rd. 2. Louise Rd, Lebanon resident concerned about their street sign visibility on Deepwood Drive being blocked by bushes. F. Hoisl asked the property owner where the street sign is located for permission to trim the bushes.

J. Greenfield: Reported a number of emails between him, our tree contractor, F. Hoisl, and B. Pelegano regarding possible tree removal at Oakland ROW, as well as additional emails with the residents of 355 and 365 Deepwood in Lebanon regarding possible tree removal on the ALD-owned property between their two properties.

L. Bowen: Email from Lebanon resident, asking if the ALD could offer any assistance with the town with respect to building setbacks on his property at the corner of Deepwood and Louise. F. Hoisl suggested to the resident that he ask the town for a variance.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Lebanon WPCA Tank: 1. J. Arpin reported that due to lack of funding, the WPCA will not be burying the tank at the end of Deepwood Drive this year. They are still considering the list of suggested locations for the tank storage in the interim,

including West Island Beach Rd, Cove Rd, and Scanlon Terrace. 2. The WPCA will be distributing informational magnets that we can distribute to our residents. 3. The Lebanon WPCA is in litigation with the Hebron WPCA over the costs that Lebanon pays for sewer. 4. There are five homes that still need to be connected to the sewer.

F. Task List and Action Items

1. F. Hoisl reported that he has removed one weir board from the dam. The water level is now four inches below full and we generally lower it 12 inches so another board will be removed in the next few days. 2. The docks at Main and Lollipop need to be tied up or floated out soon. There shouldn't be any boats remaining at the docks since the deadline for removal was October 15.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

Laurel Hennebury, 458 Deepwood Drive, Lebanon. 1. She missed the beginning of the meeting, thereby missing F. Hoisl's earlier comments about her email and said it would be helpful to her to understand what his sense was about action related to her comments. 2. She is concerned that she is the only ALD resident from the Lebanon side of the lake that is on the Lebanon WPCA and feels it's important to have representation. She will try to attend the Lake Health Committee meetings, where committee chair J. Arpin said the WPCA has been an agenda item for the past three years. J. Caines suggested that it might be helpful to have a Hebron ALD resident join the Hebron WPCA and deliver their information to the Lake Health Committee as well.

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. 1. The ALA will have a decision soon on shutting down the clubhouse for the winter. 2. He suggested to K. Patterson that the WPCA magnets should be incorporated into the welcome kits for new Lebanon property owners. 3. The ALA's last events of the year are a Trunk or Treat at Main Beach on October 30 from 3 – 5 pm, and a Thanksgiving pot luck on Sunday, November 19.

H. Receive President's Report

Motion to allow the ALD board meetings, starting in November 2022, to be conducted in a hybrid format, with participants being able to attend online via Zoom, or in person subject to the availability of the clubhouse, until the end of the fiscal year (F. Hoisl/J. Arpin), unanimously approved. L. Bowen stated that combining the online and in-person votes for the annual meeting will have to be figured out.

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

1. J. Caines summarized the tax collector's report, which is on the website. 2. He reported that in September we recorded \$4500 of income, \$2400 of which was a check from the insurance company as a result of the audit. Total ALD expenses for September were \$13,000, for a net loss of \$8,600, which is a positive thing since we are trying to overspend by \$30,000 for the year. For the first quarter of the fiscal year, there was a net income of \$38,000, which will continue to lessen as the months go on. To date the District has collected \$122,000, including approximately 75% of current budget tax revenue.

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

1. Lake Health: 1. J. Arpin and T. Nixon met with the contractor doing the plunge pools. The contractor felt that even though Ryan Terrace is a steep road and will be expensive to mill, it should be considered before doing other flat roads, because runoff from Ryan Terrace greatly affects the lake. 2. We have not yet received the July, August or September reports from Aquatic Ecosystems Research (AER). 3. The watermilfoil treatment took place on October 7. 4. Once he has approval from the Lake Health Committee on the compilation of their feedback on the Hebron Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), J. Arpin will send it back to J. Matra. 5. Over the winter the committee will be working on their historical documents and suggestions for updating the website.
2. Dams: 1. F. Hoisl reported that the area behind the dam has recently been cleared of brush, and riprap was installed. It reinforces the dam and also looks nice. He will send pictures of the work done to our dam engineer, Karl Acimovic.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. T. Nixon reported that the porta-potties have been removed for the season. 2. Work on the plunge pools is progressing and they are pleased with the contractor's work. 3. Silt fences will be installed for the off season at Lollipop Beach, and Oakland, Cove, and Ryan Terrace ROWs. 4. Fall cleanup will take place November 19 & 20. She reported that some volunteers are hesitant to sign the volunteer waiver. Discussion ensued. The waivers are on the website and must be signed by any volunteers that are part of an organized activity.
4. Security, Boats: 1. A. Fichtel reported that the new signs are up, reminding people to remove their boats from the beaches and ROWs by October 31. 2. He'd like the board to consider how to handle the lake pass process moving forward, including

making the passes valid for a calendar year vs. our fiscal year, and possibly extending the length of time that passes are valid, from one to perhaps two or three years. Although the new online system was convenient, it doesn't lessen the amount of time and energy expended by the board member that handles that task. 3. F. Hoisl said we had fewer issues this year vs. last regarding the Beach Pass Checker system. He'd like to hear from the Beaches and ROWs Committee at the next meeting regarding any suggestions they might have for improvements. 4. It was discussed that the term "security" is no longer applicable, and moving forward, will be changed on the agenda to "Beach Pass Checkers."

5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano reported that Extreme Maintenance repaired all roads in need of repair at a cost of \$3,000. 2. The three roads that were milled this spring are hardening up beautifully. 3. Quotes for work on Manion Road and Ryan Terrace range from \$15,000 for a repair that they can't guarantee would fix the problems to \$35,000 for paving, but which would not address drainage issues. He will contact J. Arpin and A. Fichtel to discuss strategies to fix these roads.
6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen will be emailing the proposed 2023 meeting dates to the board members so that they can be approved at the November meeting. 2. She reminded everyone that the December 2022 meeting is on the second Wednesday, in advance of the holidays. 3. L. Bowen will put together a spreadsheet on the Google Drive regarding which board members have keys/access to the shed, the mailbox at the clubhouse, the Post Office box, etc. for reference. Both J. Caines and F. Hoisl will check to see what other keys they have. 4. J. Arpin suggested an email blast alerting residents that it is a CT state law to wear a life jacket after October 1 when in a manually propelled vessel.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

There was a short discussion about the letter from L. Hennebury and whether to allow resident comments at times other than the designated time on the agenda.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

To add: possibility of adding Lebanon WPCA as a board committee or to leave it as a sub-committee of the Lake Health Committee.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (B. Pelegano/K. Patterson) passed unanimously at 8:49 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.