

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Zoom and ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Rd, Amston

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 November 16, 2022 meeting (A. Fichtel/K. Patterson). Eight directors approved, one abstained, and the minutes were approved.

D. Presentation of Correspondence

B. Pelegano: Email from a resident asking about installing a driveway and connecting it to one of our private roads, Ryan Terrace in Lebanon. The resident has been in contact with the town and will come before the board when their plans are ready. **K. Patterson:** Email to the entire board from resident and dockmaster Dave Arnold asking when the docks at Main and Lollipop beaches would be floated out. The dock at Main beach has since been completed, but there was a minor problem doing the one at Lollipop, so it will be done in the next few days. F. Hoisl also reported that the entrance to the boat launch area at Main beach has been repaired.

E. Old Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Lake Passes: A. Fichtel stated that he would like to make the lake passes last for two years, beginning with this summer's pass distribution, meaning they would expire in 2025. Discussion ensued. A. Fichtel will summarize the ideas that were discussed and asked the other board members to respond with any additional ideas.

F. Task List and Action Items

F. Hoisl went over the list – he'd like to go over goals and objectives for the next fiscal year, possibly with the three other officers, and reminded J. Caines about sending out 1099's to the ALD vendors. F. Hoisl will contact B. Pelegano after the meeting about whether there are culverts that need cleaning on the private District roads.

G. Recognition of Guests, Residents, and Property Owners

John Matra, 265 Deepwood Drive, Hebron. He was pleased with the turnout for the Amston Lake Association's visit with Santa last week with about 40 kids and at least that many adults attending.

H. Receive President's Report

F. Hoisl thanked the board for all their hard work as well as their accomplishments over the last year and wished everyone happy holidays.

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

1. J. Caines summarized the tax collector's report and the financials, which are both on the website. 2. The District took in approximately \$127,000 of income year-to-date. The District collected \$783 in November, with expenses of \$5,520 – so we are continuing to chip away at the surplus. 3. There are approximately \$29,000 in taxes still to collect, which will start coming in with the second tax payments due in January.

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

1. Lake Health: 1. F. Hoisl reported that he and A. Fichtel attended the Lebanon Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC) meeting on 12/5 regarding modifications to the property at 310 Deepwood Drive. The IWC requested some plan modifications and will discuss at their meeting next month. F. Hoisl sent the homeowner the specifications for dock installation from the ALD ordinances. A. Fichtel and J. Arpin suggested that now would be a good time to create a written agreement allowing the ALD to maintain the plunge pool that is on this property. 2. J. Arpin stated that the pipe leading into that plunge pool is beginning to back up and the town should be notified. 3. J. Arpin thanked F. Hoisl for doing a walk around the dam every few weeks to make sure the District is in compliance with the Emergency Action Plan. 4. He has a meeting with Northeast Aquatics Research this week and will be meeting with other companies in an effort to replace our former limnologist. 5. The Lebanon WPCA tank remains at the end of Deepwood Drive because they recently had to do some maintenance. 6. The committee met with J. Matra regarding the Hebron Plan of Conservation and Development, with the focus being on erosion control and minimizing salt entering the lake. 7. They are working on a plan for historical documentation. 8. A. fichtel contacted the town of Hebron about town roads that appear to be disintegrating and eroding into the lake and hopes the committee will follow up.

2. Dams: 1. F. Hoisl stated that the weir boards have all been removed.
3. Beaches and ROWs: 1. T. Nixon reported that the fall cleanup was a success, with about 25 volunteers participating. The contractor has since removed all of the debris. 2. There are a lot of cigarette butts in the beach parking lots, as well as at Oakland ROW. Some of the “no smoking” signs, as well as others, need to be repaired and/or replaced. K. Patterson will check the sign inventory.
4. Beach Pass Checkers, Boats: 1. F. Hoisl will meet with the checkers in January to get their feedback on how things worked this past summer. 2. A. Fichtel reported that there are three unclaimed boats with no tags whatsoever that will be put up for auction next summer.
5. Lebanon Roads: 1. B. Pelegano reported that there has been one sanding event so far this season. 2. J. Arpin will contact B. Pelegano to discuss erosion concerns on Ryan Terrace.
6. Communications: 1. L. Bowen will be updating the website with the 2023 meeting dates. 2. She will update the website and send an eblast to remind residents that their second tax payment is due in January.

K. New Business - Discussion and Possible Action

1. B. Pelegano reported that on Deepwood Drive in Lebanon there are two wooden 3’ barriers on the side of the road to prevent drivers from possibly sliding into the cove at the sharp curve northeast of Lollipop. They are in disrepair. He asked F. Hoisl to inquire with the town about the procedure for replacing them.
2. F. Hoisl received the proposal from SOLitude Lake Management Company regarding the weeds in Lollipop Cove, northeast of the beach. He will circulate it via email among the board members for future discussion.

L. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting

To add: discussion of SOLitude proposal.

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (K. Patterson/T. Nixon) passed unanimously at 7:59 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.