

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Agenda
August 21st, 2013 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
Present: Dave O'Brien, Frank Hoisl, Sherri-Ann Martin, Dave Martin, Dave Moorcroft, Lou Lenti, Mark Paul, Steve Cormier
Absent: Ray Decormier

- B. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
Lorraine Long, Meadowbrook Road, Hebron
Sailboat pulled up on Meadowbrook ROW breaks loose a lot and sits in the center of an ROW until retrieved; F. Hoisl: Owner has been notified and is going to pick it up over the weekend.

Brett Harlow and Ed Smith, BSA Landscaping, Deepwood Drive, Lebanon
The overpayment by the Board has been used to pay off material and labor costs for the Southwest Cove resident repair project after the dredging; they do not want to be eliminated from the Board vendor list; asked what they can do to rectify the situation and how can we help avoid this situation in the future. D. O'Brien stated that the Board would discuss and respond at a later date.

Claire Lenti, Deepwood Drive, Hebron
The brush remaining on Lollipop Beach area includes a maple tree, shrubs covered with vines and other weeds that are growing over the fence and the neighbor's shed; Dave Martin will meet with Claire on Saturday to look at what is there and determine what can be left as buffer

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to move "I. Receive Tax Collector's Report" up the agenda as our next action item. Dave Martin seconded the motion. All approved unanimously

- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report
Brian Swanson, new Tax Collector, reported that all the necessary adjustments to the tax database were not made before QDS sent out the Amston Lake tax notices. Not sure how this will affect the total taxes collected versus what is expected for budget.

Issue with one resident: John Reeder, 264 Deepwood, Hebron. Our attorney provided him with a letter stating that his taxes were paid to date, when \$178.07 seems to still be outstanding. Since our attorney has already provided a letter to the resident, Adam Cohen has advised we eliminate the outstanding amount and the resident is paid up to date.

Dave Martin made a motion to eliminate the \$178.07 listed as due by John Reeder in the QDS database as advised by our attorney Adam Cohen. Mark Paul seconded the motion and all agreed unanimously.

Any other issues will be reviewed on a case by case basis, as needed.

There appear to be taxes forgive to volunteer firemen, seniors and other special interest groups. Per Brian, we do not have to honor these, if do not want to.

Moving forward, Brian will provide written out itemized bills to residents for all outstanding back

taxes. New procedures will be established and written up. Check numbers will be listed on deposit slips for easier match up.

Another source of confusion is that there are duplicate house numbers on Deepwood Drive that occur in both Hebron and Lebanon. This is causing tax bills to be routed incorrectly.

There were (410) delinquent accounts and after contacting some of them, Brian has now reduced the delinquent accounts to (343) and collected \$11,000 we were not even planning to go after yet. Brian needs Sherri-Ann to find any tax related decisions made by the Board. The Board did establish a 3 year or \$3000 minimum for bringing delinquent accounts in for collection and placing liens. Sherri-Ann will research and get information back to Brian Swanson before the next meeting.

Brian respectfully requested additional compensation for cleaning up these accounts due the amount of time spent figuring it all out.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dave O'Brien requested the following edits to the July 17th, Regular Meeting Minutes:

C. Recognition of Guests, etc., under the comments by Bob Blackmore, under the Francis ROW section. Please change "we would pay and negotiate boundaries." to "we would have to pay for a survey and then most likely have to negotiate the boundaries."

M. New Busines. #4: replace "to install the vortechnic unit." with "for the Southwest Cove dredging project."

Mark Paul made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17th Regular Meeting with the edits requested by Dave O'Brien. Frank Hoisl seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report

S. Martin – found three options for storing trailers but only one is safe and sensible. On West Island Beach Rd. the District owns two lots which are right next to the power lines. I believe a few trees could be removed (6 inches circumference or less) and some stone placed to make sure no one sinks in. Then, trailers can be locked to other trees. Dave Moorcroft to view with Sherri-Ann Martin to determine if this is feasible.

F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication

See attached list

G. Receive President's Report

Nothing to report

H. Receive Treasurer's Report

See attached – presented by D. O'Brien in R. Decormier's absence

I. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives

D. Martin – the lake is very clear; Southwest Cove is recovering from the dredging; only a few places have algae; did find bright green plant which does not look familiar that is populating the bottom where previously there weren't any plants; working to identify it. Francis Cove ROW has low lying plants returning and Northeast Cove looks great.

Total phosphorous has been in the low teens; our goal is 10 ppb and we have been between 12 and 14 ppb; these numbers have decreased since 2012

Bolton Lake – Dave and Sherri-Ann Martin attended boat inspection training with the DEEP as sponsored by Bolton Lake. They have milfoil and expect to spend \$250,000 on herbicides and there are no guarantees it will work. We need to stay diligent in our boat inspections. The DEEP

stated that if you have a lake and it has a public boat launch, it has invasive weeds. S. Martin to work on finding pictures and info on Bolton Lake for the website.

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

1. Security - F. Hoisl – car from Colorado was speeding on Deepwood Drive; they were chased to the beach where they jumped into a boat and took off in the lake; Dave Dederer got the boat number and will check to see who it was; BSA installed street signs for us at no cost; they were cemented into buckets and then placed at the roads

2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – safety fence has now been installed on South side of dam; cost was \$930 and the supplier also filled holes made in the concrete

3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – vortechnic unit is now installed; we will start working on trying to get one for H16 inlet into the lake

4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin – some issues with connections not being set up properly; 8 – 10 houses are complete and about 70 permit applications have been received; first usage and installation bills are due August 31st.

5. Drinking Water - S. Martin – nothing to report; D. Moorcroft reported they contacted him to install an indoor meter on 8/8/13 but they never showed up

6. Boats & Rafts – to be discussed under ordinances

7. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul – awaiting map from ACT identifying areas to treat; permit application has been submitted

8. Communications – M. Paul – thinks we should continue to remind residents about boat inspections, invasive plants, fertilizers, etc.; Board members should take turns sending out articles; D. Martin suggested we pull past copies of the Amston Laker and reuse articles since many issues still remain the same

9. Ordinances – M. Paul – he will pull together notes from both August Public Comment Sessions and identify what edits should be made; to be reviewed and agreed upon by Board, then published to the residents for review; we are required to give (30) days notice and publish a summary of the ordinances too; legalities also needed to be added to the by-laws, per Adam Cohen; these will need to be voted on at May Annual Meeting – residents are required to vote on by-laws

10. Lebanon Roads – RFP for snowplowing needs to be sent out first to residents and then to the general public; to be discussed with Ray Decormier; Steve Cormier and Dave Martin to assist and comment with document creation; S. Martin provided a copy of the Lebanon Sewer Map to be used to identify District owned roads.

11. ROW Updates and Maintenance – nothing to report

12. Calendar and Tasks – Barley straw – remove at end of September (vendor says just leave it in but we think residents won't like this idea)

K. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business

1. Plantings to be done on Oakland ROW next to "King's Way" owned by Judy Kaufman and Steve Kemper; clean up of ROW took out brush and they do not have any privacy

2. Bass Lake Road plantings to replace trees removed by Ladd family – need A2 survey or markers; Dave Moorcroft and Sherri Martin to investigate and plan

L. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

1. Consider giving additional compensation to the new Tax Collector for extra work needed to rectify issues with wrong database and incorrectly stated database as well as collections of past due accounts

Mark Paul made a motion to pay Brian Swanson, ALD Tax Collector, an additional \$1000 for Extra services provided, and for training and travel with QDS to bring him up to speed in the tax collector position. Dave Moorcroft seconded the motion and all approved unanimously.

Dave Martin made a motion to reimburse Brian Swanson \$616.80 for laptop capable of handling QDS software; the old tax computer will be given to the Treasurer who has an older computer that does not work well. Mark Paul seconded the motion. All approved

unanimously.

2. BSA Overpayment for Southwest Cove – we will ask BSA to provide \$1680 worth of services to be credited to the General Fund; BSA must agree to apply official jobs won by bid from the District. to this overpayment amount. Dave O'Brien will send a letter to BSA explaining what they must do.

M. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting - nothing to prepare today

N. Adjournment

Dave Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 pm. Steve Cormier seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sherrri-Ann Martin, Clerk
Amston Lake Tax District