

Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES
December 18th, 2013 7:00 p.m.
ALA Clubhouse, 16 Wood Acres Road, Amston, 06231
www.AmstonLake.org

- A. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
Present: D. O'Brien, R. DeCormier, L. Lenti, D. Moorcroft, M. Paul (7:07 pm), F. Hoisl
Absent: D. Martin
- B. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
None present
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
November minutes were not read by Board members so will be added to the January agenda for approvals.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report – S. Martin
Lebanon Inland/Wetlands approved changes to be made to home at 198 Deepwood Drive and existing hot tub must drain to sewer and not into lake, as per minutes of their meeting. The other seven person hot tub installed at 178 Deepwood is to be removed as it was installed without a permit or a certificate of occupancy for the home.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication – S. Martin
See attached (Mark Paul arrived)
- G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien
D.O. is working with Dave Rudolph, an attorney in Hebron, to combine the Main Beach and Firehouse properties into one to save approximately \$700 per year in taxes. Cost will be \$250 for the attorney and \$200 for title search and deed but savings will remain yearly.
- Looking into Open Space/Land trusts etc. to assist in reducing overall taxes for property owned by the ALD. Need to keep lake properties privately owned but reduce overall costs as much as possible.
- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. DeCormier
See attached
R. D. is concerned that the high tax collection rate of past due taxes makes it look like we are overtaxing the residents. We should move to a "rainy day fund" for possible emergency situations; this will be researched
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – B. Swanson
See attached
Monthly tax report is due to the Clerk by the 10th of the following month by statute. Please get this document to the Clerk directly by the 10th instead of S. Martin having to get from D. O'Brien.
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives – S. Martin
D. Martin and S. Martin have discussed moving to a two year report period with G. Knocklein versus a one year report as not much is changing and we can plug and play information on our own too. We still need to do monthly testing but Annual Report can be done every other year instead of yearly.

- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Security – F. Hoisl - no activity
 2. Dam – D. Moorcroft – water level going down slower than anticipated; we really need to start lowering the lake by October 15th of every year.
 3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien – need data on vortechnic unit performance and then want to consider a second install at H12 or H16.
 4. Lebanon Sewer Project – S. Martin update per D. Martin
About 300 homes to connect; 146 are complete and 7 are pending inspections.
 5. Drinking Water – S. Martin
D. O'Brien – please write a letter to CT Water Customer Service to let them know no one at Amston Lake has a key available for water shut-off/on.
 6. Boats & Rafts – L. Lenti – (15) racks installed, (11) have been treated with wood preservative and (4) more are to be built in the spring
 7. Weeds and Algae –M. Paul – need to mark up map in upcoming meeting for treatment areas
 8. Communications – R. DeCormier – All going well, the website has been repaired after being hacked by a Syrian group. Email is still being repaired.
 9. Ordinances – M. Paul – The current Amston Lake By-laws need to be updated in the ALD homeowners manual to reflect the latest By-laws provided by Adam Cohen and they must be approved at the Annual Meeting by the residents.
 10. Lebanon Roads – F. Hoisl – replacing road signs for Manion and Bush Roads.
 11. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti – creating maintenance lists for the spring and fall; please let her know if there are tasks we should list; D. Moorcroft meeting with J. Soderburg/Hebron to discuss what we can/cannot do to the back of the dam. Brush removal required by the State is basically impossible with current steep ground. Also, need to think about where we can install water gardens and/or plunge pools to further clean the incoming water
 12. Calendar and Tasks – R. DeCormier – on track with current tasks. Next year, add the movement of the docks before winter to the vendor task list. Not fair to rely only on volunteers when not an easy task. Did anyone ever inquire about getting annual maintenance permits from the towns for adding sand and racking, etc.?; would like to see someone hired to install, maintain, inventory etc. existing signage.
- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business
- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action
Nothing to add at this time
- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting
- O. Firemens' Memorial at Main Beach
- P. Adjournment
Lou Lenti made a motion to adjourn. Mark Paul second the motion and all approved unanimously at 8:32 pm.

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