

**Amston Lake District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 19th, 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, S. Martin and D. Martin (arrived at 7:02 pm), D. Moorcroft, L. Lenti, F. Hoisl, M. Paul
Absent: J. Connor
- B. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- C. Recognition of Guests, Residents and Property Owners' Petitions
- Lorraine Long**, Meadowbrook, Hebron
Misleading sign at Oakland ROW – please remove; D. O'Brien agreed.
- Dave Arnold**, Ames Rd, Hebron
If there is property available for trailer storage, it would be helpful to those with small house lots. Understands why want to remove trailers from ROWs but an alternative should be available. Perhaps the back of the Old Firehouse property, or other?
- D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
The Board abstained on voting on the May Regular Meeting Minutes and held it over to the June meeting due to confusion around editing to be done.
- E. Receive and Act Upon Clerk's Report
Nothing to report.
- F. Presentation of Correspondence and Communication
See attached list
- G. Receive President's Report – D. O'Brien
Per the Chatham Health Group, June 19 water testing failed at Main Beach – eColi high so beach closed for swimming – additional testing to occur June 20; testing at Lollipop Beach was fine.
- The Fire Department took their powerboat out on the lake, as reported by residents – the Board was not contacted; we do not know where else their boat may have been – it should have been inspected prior to entering the lake; the Board must be notified by the Fire Department prior to testing their equipment; D. O'Brien to follow up with letter
- Info received from residents:
1. Loose gravel on Manion Rd. is not correct
 2. A dock is being replaced at Board expense, as agreed to before dredging was performed in Southeast Cove.
 3. Repair on Cove Rd. for Peter Gandelman is in process; required for access to property.
 4. The vortechnic unit is installed and awaiting installation of and connection to drainage grates
 5. Dump pass for Hebron: will go to Town Hall and get a letter so not charged for dumping items at Hebron Dump
 6. Elsmere ROW complaint that not cleaned up – clean up is scheduled for September
 7. Under New Business, will ask for a motion to go into Executive session to discuss candidates for Tax Collector to replace Eileen Curtin

- H. Receive Treasurer's Report – R. Decormier
Will have approximately \$160,000 in bank at end of season; funds will be replenished to General Fund. See attached report
- I. Receive Tax Collector's Report – D. O'Brien thanked Eileen Curtin for her ten years of service as our Tax Collector. We will be replacing her as soon as possible.
- D. O'Brien read E. Curtin's report into the record
- J. Receive Lake Management Reports/Review Goals & Objectives – D. Martin
Meeting to be set up with Dr. Knocklein and the Board to discuss future goals; D. O'Brien to search for "laundry list of tasks and costs" provided in past by Dr. Knocklein so we can pick the services we want to assure we get what we want and want to pay for; maybe we only need a presentation every other year; would be helpful to know if changes we have made have at least shown any positive or negative effects
- K. Consider and Act Upon Standing and Special Committees' Reports
1. Security – F. Hoisl
Services started in third week of May. D. Dederer is covering weekends, J. Chasser is covering weekdays and Amanda Harlow will help out as needed. The usual high school kids who don't live here and glass on beaches, kids love to hang out on the dam, not safe. We should get a KEEP OFF THE DAM sign and we need to replace street signs on Catherine Rd. and Ryan Terrace – cost is \$100 per sign
- Boats removed from beaches are broken down and not worth selling at auction; they will be removed to the dump by Warren Smith
- Lou Lenti is concerned with the safety of walkers since there aren't any sidewalks and our roads are not very wide; he would like the towns of Hebron and Lebanon to consider placing stop signs at the ROWs and beaches where people cross the road to gain access to the water. He will write a letter to both towns regarding the traffic issues on Deepwood Drive.
2. Dam – D. Moorcroft
Can't let water out of lake any faster; the Duck Pond is nearly full and we can't have that breaking. Fencing needs to be added to opposite side of dam where we waited until dam repairs were complete. This cost was approved previously. Purchase and installation to be done.
3. Storm Drains – D. O'Brien
Vortechnic unit was installed by the Town of Hebron; storm water collection grates to be placed and connected soon; per S. Martin – Town of Lebanon cleaned drains on Deepwood using small bulldozer and added swales/rocks and drainage in areas at bottoms of dirt roads.
4. Lebanon Sewer Project – D. Martin
Hookups to begin starting on June 21st. Permit packages are available at the Lebanon Town Hall and must be completed and submitted and approved prior to work beginning. If not completed by November 1st, there will be a permit fee.
5. Drinking Water – S. Martin
Yearly Water Quality Report available online next month; no known issues at this time
6. Boats & Rafts – R. Decormier
Skip and discuss under Ordinances.
7. Weeds and Algae – M. Paul
ACT Proposal \$5250 to treat water lilies next to Lollipop Beach; will submit for permit and put

detailed map together in August when lilies are thickest; water testing will be required by CT Water and that cost is included; must be done on a very calm day to control distribution on plants

8. Communications – R. Decormier
Nothing to report

9. Ordinances – M. Paul

There are many changes to discuss; we need to hold a Special Meeting; July 5th or 12th selected; begin at 6:00 pm with intent of being done by 9:00 pm. S. Martin will schedule the meeting with the Clubhouse and publish in newspapers. The goal is to establish a document by consensus of the Board to be brought to the residents for comments at Public Comment Sessions in July/August; after that, Special District Meeting required for vote on Ordinance changes.

10. Lebanon Roads – D. Martin

Contractors supposed to be working on estimates to replace the processed gravel on our private roads and return them to their original condition; We should wait for the sewer and water contractors to do repairs before we spend Lebanon Road Fund monies.

11. ROW Updates and Maintenance – C. Lenti

Meadowbrook ROW is complete; area has been reseeded and puddling corrected; Ellsmere ROW to be completed in September; (5) boat racks being installed weekend of July 19th; need to add water diversion to Oakland ROW – keeps washing out

12. Calendar and Tasks – R. Decormier

Reviewed and we are up to date

- L. Act on Remaining Items of Agenda....Old Business

1. Bass Lake Rd. – reinstallation of plants removed improperly from District owned wetland area; S. Martin to recommend trees/plantings and costs to replace. Replacement cannot be done until fall when it is cool enough to plant.

- M. New Business.....Discussion and Possible Action

At 9:02 pm, D. O'Brien made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding the selection of a new tax collector. D. Moorcroft seconded the motion and all approved unanimously. At 9:19 pm, the Board ended its Executive Session.

D. O'Brien asked to discuss the movement of two rocks in front of his property on the lake; D. Moorcroft made a motion to add it to the agenda; Mark Paul seconded and all approved unanimously.

Town of Hebron has given OK from Inland/Wetlands Hebron to move two rocks in front of the retaining wall on his property to stop the retaining wall from caving in. It will be back filled with stones. D. O'Brien asking for our approval to do this change. D. Moorcroft made a motion to approve D. O'Brien's request; Mark Paul seconded and all approved unanimously.

Also, there is a temporary electrical circuit left on Ames Rd. from when the dam repair was done. The electric company is going to remove it.

- N. Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting – nothing to add at this time

- O. Adjournment at 9:27 pm D. Moorcroft made a motion to adjourn; M. Paul seconded the motion and all agreed unanimously.

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