



# **THE AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT HANDBOOK**

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Racing on Lake Day (Photo by Paul Oliver)

Dear Neighbor,

The Amston Lake District is a thriving community of over 700 homes surrounded by acres of undeveloped woodlands and, of course, our lovely 188-acre lake. We're an old-fashioned neighborhood where people can feel comfortable, get to know each other, and enjoy breathtaking scenic beauty. Our seasonal and full-time residents share a sheltered atmosphere where children can play and adults can socialize or enjoy the serenity of our region.

Our lake is carefully protected to preserve its pristine beauty and ecological health. Its clean water is great for swimming, boating, fishing, or just relaxing. Birds and other wildlife are plentiful. You can connect with nature and enjoy our streams, beaches, and recreational areas.

Our Clubhouse is the center of our neighborhood activities including meetings, parties, and special events sponsored by the Amston Lake Association (ALA). We publish an informative newsletter, *The Amston Laker*, and you can visit our website at [www.amstonlake.org](http://www.amstonlake.org).

The Amston Lake District was created in 2002 by a special act of the Connecticut General Assembly which authorized the merger of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District. It is a full-fledged municipal government run by a nine-member board of directors elected to oversee lake management, community events, environmental monitoring, and neighborhood security.

This homeowner's manual contains important information about our community and its administration, including our Best Lake Practices, ordinances, and by-laws. We urge you to take full advantage of everything Amston Lake has to offer, and encourage you to become familiar with our rules to help keep our community safe and beautiful. Welcome to the neighborhood.

*Board of Directors of Amston Lake District (ALD)*



Main Beach Signage (Photo by Lynn Mika)

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# BEST LAKE PRACTICES

The following “Best Lake Practices” are guidelines recommended by the Board to help all of our residents protect and enjoy Amston Lake.

- **Safety first.** Responsibility for safety and well-being always lies with the individual, not the District. We have no lifeguards and limited security personnel. Take common-sense measures to protect yourself, your family, your home, and your property at all times. Residents must monitor their children and pets, especially around water and roads, and are responsible for their actions under state law. Dial 911 in emergencies.

- **Local ecosystem.** Amston Lake is a watershed, a habitat, and the heart of our community. Never allow chemicals or foreign plant or aquatic species anywhere near District Waters. Septic systems should be professionally cleaned every 24 months and carefully monitored for leaks. Report all known or potential contamination to the state or local departments of health and environmental protection and the ALD Board of Directors.

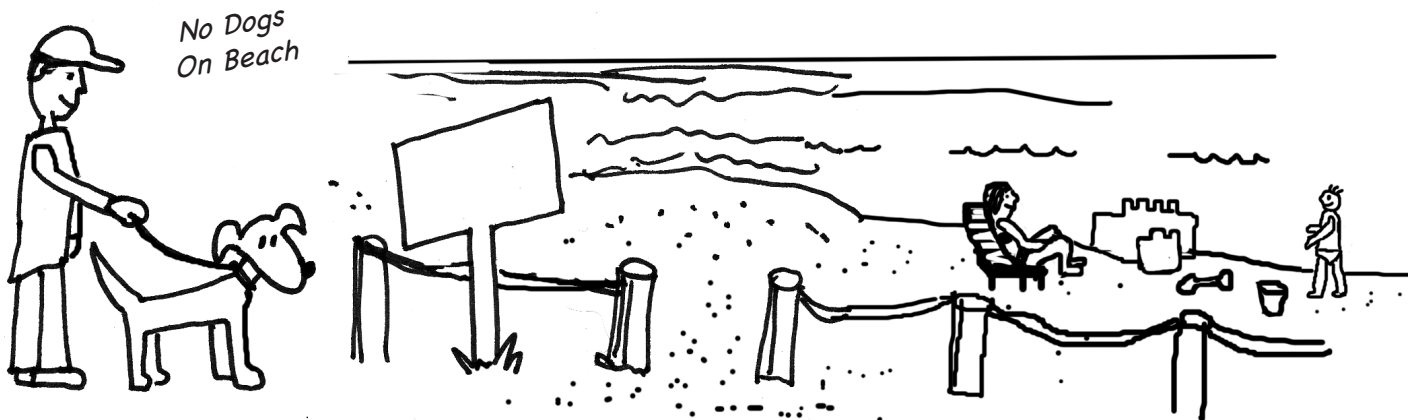
area already have enough phosphate. You may add lime to your lawn and this will make the existing phosphate more available for use by your lawn. Storm runoff may be slowed

Zero  
Phosphate  
Fertilizer



Only use fertilizers which have no phosphates (the middle number on the fertilizer bag) as even a little phosphate may contribute to algae and weed growth in the lake.

with water gardens (shallow ponding areas with flowers and shrubs which catch rain water and reduce the amount flowing into District Waters.) Shrubbery near the waterside also helps to reduce the nutrients flowing into District Waters. When grading or excavating utilize silt fences and hay bales. Remove only nuisance weeds from waterfront such as lily pads and large leaf pond weed. If you see any plants which you suspect



Pets can leave waste that pollute — and therefore are not allowed on beaches between May 1 and September 30.

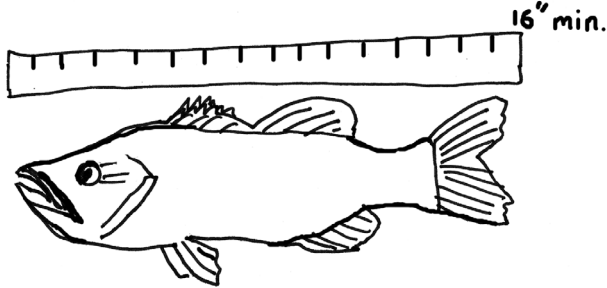
- **Beaches.** Beaches and their parking areas are open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Pets are not allowed on beaches between April 1 and September 30. Open fires, glass containers, grills, and gas powered vehicles are prohibited unless pre-approved by the ALD Board of Directors.

- **Lawn care.** Only use fertilizers which have no phosphates (the middle number on the fertilizer bag) as even a little phosphate may contribute to algae and weed growth in District Waters. Most properties in our

may be invasive, please bring this to the attention of the Board. Never use herbicides anywhere in the watershed.

- **Passes.** Storing and using any boat and parking any vehicle on District Properties and District Waters, and using any beach requires a valid pass or sticker. Lake use passes may be denied to residents who are late on their District taxes. Property owners are responsible for providing passes to their renters. Passes are not otherwise transferable or saleable.

- **Wildlife.** Hunting, trapping, and harming wildlife is prohibited on District Properties and District Waters. Catch-and-release fishing is recommended. Largemouth



Bass may not be taken from the lake unless they are at least 16 inches or longer. There is a limit of 2 bass per day.

Bass that are 12 to 16 inch are in a “protected slot limit” and should not be removed; daily creel limit is 2 with only one being greater than 16 inches (other fish must be less than 12 inches). It is suggested that a single barbless hook is used to catch fish. Keep current with state and local fishing regulations, as these regulations do apply to our lake, including requirements for fishing licenses. Ducks and geese pollute District Waters, so do not encourage them by giving or leaving them food.

- **Garbage.** Take pride in our community’s appearance. Put litter in its place, and secure trash cans against wind and wildlife. Dispose of yard waste properly, not along the roadside or in a vacant or undeveloped lot, so that District



Do your part to help keep our community clean and beautiful. Don't litter.

Waters area remains attractive and unwanted nutrients do not end up in District Waters. Always carry out everything from the District Properties that you carry in.



All boats entering the lake must be inspected. Be sure the boat power is off when removing weeds from the boat and trailer.

- **Boats.** All boats must be launched, landed, operated, stored, and moored safely and never in prohibited areas. If you bring a boat from any other body of water, you must first either clean it thoroughly or dry it out for 3 days to prevent foreign species contamination by invasive weeds. Boat launching off trailers is prohibited from private property. All boats which are launched from trailers must be inspected first at the main beach boat launch area by ALD Board authorized inspectors to check for the presence of invasive weeds. You may wish to call the boat inspectors in advance to assure that someone is available. Their names and numbers are posted on the District web site, ([amstonlake.org](http://amstonlake.org)). The District may remove and dispose of boats that are abandoned, unregistered, or improperly stored. The operation of any internal combustion powered motorized vehicle on District Waters is prohibited. Exceptions: Fire Department rescue, property maintenance, and other special situations with permission from the Board.

- **Comply with all local, state and federal regulations.** It is required that district residents comply with all local, state, and federal regulations. This primarily relates to fishing, boating, zoning, wetland and related building regulations. It is required that residents or their agents secure all necessary permits, as appropriate. In addition, it is recommended that residents monitor zoning applications and housing development for nearby properties. Construction, lot size variances, new utilities, or site preparation could threaten our lake with runoff or hurt our property values. We have made a difference in the past by voicing objections at zoning hearings. Read our newsletter, *the Amston Laker*, and local papers for situations which might affect our community. And be sure to tell your town elected officials that you want your lake protected.

# ORDINANCES OF THE AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*

The following ordinances are promulgated under authority of Connecticut Special Act 02-2 and Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-157 and 7-328(a). All prior ordinances of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District, Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District, and Amston Lake District are hereby superseded.

## **2008.1 – Definitions. The following definitions apply to all ordinances:**

- (a) “Board” means the Amston Lake District’s Board of Directors.
- (b) “Contaminants” include any substance which may be hazardous to water quality, fish, waterfowl, or area ecology, or the introduction of which into District Waters would be prohibited by federal, state, or local law. Examples may include septic leakage; human or animal bodily waste; herbicides and pesticides; paint, stain and wood preservatives; chromate copper arsenate (CCA) and creosote-treated wood; noxious chemicals; lawn refuse, organic fertilizer, and inorganic fertilizers containing phosphate; detergents, soaps, and cleaning materials; wastewater drained from a spa, hot tub, Jacuzzi, or pool; automotive fluids; solvents and corrosive liquids; medicines and poisons; and any foreign plant, animal, or microbial species.
- (c) “District” or “ALD” means the Amston Lake District.
- (d) ALD “Properties” include all lands, beaches, dams, roads, rights of way (ROWs), facilities, buildings, and utilities owned or maintained by the ALD.
- (e) ALD “Waters” include Amston Lake and all ponds, wetlands, watercourses, and storm drains which are owned or maintained by the ALD.
- (f) “Vegetation” includes all trees, shrubs, flora, undergrowth, and landscaping on ALD Properties; all aquatic plant life in and near ALD Waters.
- (g) “Motor Vehicle” is a self-propelled land vehicle used to transport people or cargo, powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor.
- (h) “Watercraft” is a boat or other vessel that travels on water, and is powered by motor or manually propelled. Examples include kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, pontoon boats, stand-up paddleboards, remote control boats, etc.

- (i) “Personal Watercraft” (PWC) is a watercraft that is powered by a jet pump, rather than a propeller, where the rider(s) stand, kneel or sit while operating.
- (j) “Beaches” includes ALD Properties that consist of an expanse of sand or pebbles along the shore of Amston Lake. These properties include Lollipop Beach and Main Beach.
- (k) “Mooring” is where a watercraft or raft is attached to a buoy/weight in the water.
- (l) “Designated areas” are ALD Properties or Waters designated by the Board for a particular use or function.
- (m) “Passes” are lake (beach), car, boat and boat launch passes issued by the ALD, on a yearly basis.
- (n) “Authorized Agent” is anyone authorized by the Board to perform an activity or task on the Board’s behalf.
- (o) “Dock” is a structure extending out from the shore into a body of water.
- (p) “Docking” is when a watercraft is attached to a dock.
- (q) “Raft” is a flat buoyant structure, used as a floating platform.
- (r) “Resident” is someone whose primary residence is within the ALD (i.e., they live/sleep in the ALD at least six months and one day throughout the year). Residents should have an ALD address on their drivers’ license; otherwise, they may be required to provide other documentation (e.g., long term rental agreement) as proof of residency.
- (s) “Owner” is a person or entity who has legal ownership of a property within the ALD and who pays ALD property taxes.

## **2008.2 – Annual Meeting**

The ALD’s annual meeting date shall be held during the month of May at a date decided at the previous annual ALD meeting.

## **2008.3 – Conflicts of Interest**

No independent contractor, officer, or director of the ALD shall directly or indirectly: (a) be financially interested or have any personal beneficial interest in any contract or purchase order for any supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services furnished to or used by the ALD unless approved by the Board, or (b) accept or receive from any person, firm, or corporation to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded by the ALD, by rebate, gifts, or

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otherwise, any money, or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation. Any such transaction shall be void and unenforceable against the ALD unless ratified by a majority of the Board or voters at any duly called annual or special meeting. This provision does not apply to good faith expense reimbursements or compensation lawfully established by contract or ordinance.

## 2008.4 – Independent Contractors

The ALD may retain independent contractors under such terms and compensation as the Board deems appropriate for managing and providing services to the ALD.

## 2008.5 – Lake Passes and Lake Access

Amston Lake is a private lake. To gain access to ALD Properties or ALD Waters, ALD property owners/residents must obtain and display current, valid, Board-approved passes. Passes are issued under the supervision of the Board and are valid for a one-year period. All boat owners using the Main Beach boat ramp must obtain a specifically designated boat launch sticker which must be affixed to the boat prior to launch.

Passes may be refused or invalidated if (1) the applicant or pass holder is neither an ALD property owner nor a resident of the District, (2) current ALD taxes on the property or fines issued by the Board are not paid in full, (3) the watercraft owner does not provide, at the request of the Board or authorized designee, current DMV registration or title for the watercraft in their name, or (4) the pass was transferred from one owner/resident to another person who is not an owner/resident of the property for which they were issued or from one watercraft to another.

## 2008.6 – ALD Properties and Waters

- (a) The following is prohibited on or in any ALD Properties or Waters without written approval of the Board:
- Building on, obstructing, altering, damaging, trimming, or otherwise disturbing ALD Properties, Waters, or vegetation
  - Causing or permitting litter, lawn refuse, discarded objects, or other unauthorized materials or contaminants to be left on ALD Properties or in ALD Waters. This includes fishing line, hooks, lures, and other fishing gear

- Watercraft equipped with an internal combustion engine or with a total power output for electric boat motors exceeding a thrust rating equivalent of a 9.9-horsepower gasoline outboard engine or 240 foot pounds of thrust
  - Logging, hunting, and trapping
  - Open fires, fireworks, charcoal, or propane grills
  - Smoking
  - Parties, concerts, or other events to the exclusion of other residents/owners
  - Storage of trailers or leaving them unattended without Board approval
  - Demarcation of swimming areas
  - Watercraft greater than 20 feet in overall length or wider than 10 feet
  - Racing of any watercraft
  - Personal watercraft (including jet skis, Sea-Doos, etc.)
  - Mooring off the shore of District Properties
  - Posting of advertising/political signage
- (b) Swimming, fishing, boating, ice skating, and all other activities in, on, or near the ALD's Properties or Waters are always at the user's own risk.
- (c) No person may fish in or on any ALD Waters except in accordance with all federal, state and town regulations and all posted rules of the District. Largemouth bass that are 12 to 16 inches are in a "protected slot limit" and must not be removed; daily creel limit is two, with only one being greater than 16 inches (other fish must be less than 12 inches).
- (d) Motor vehicles may not be parked on grassy or sandy areas of rights of way or beaches.

## 2008.7 – District Assets

No person may conceal, take for personal use, sell, alter, damage, or destroy any funds, tools, equipment, signage, documents, records, or other items or assets owned by the District without the approval of the Board.

## 2008.8 – Watercraft

- (a) Persons who use or store watercraft on ALD Properties or in ALD Waters are responsible for them at all times, including securing and monitoring the watercraft itself

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and protecting all people, property, and animals from them.

- (b) All local, state and federal laws and regulations must be adhered to.
- (c) Current watercraft passes (boat stickers) must be displayed on all watercraft stored on ALD Properties or used in ALD Waters. See 2008.5 for more information on watercraft passes.
- (d) Those who launch boats who are neither ALD property owners nor residents are considered trespassers, and may be fined up to \$500 per incident.
- (e) Except in emergencies, no watercraft is permitted in ALD Waters unless it: (1) complies with all federal, state and town regulations and registration requirements, and (2) has been dry for at least five days or thoroughly cleaned after use in any other body of water to prevent the introduction of foreign plant, animal, or microbial species.
- (f) No person may launch, operate, or land any watercraft closer than 12 feet from swimmers or waders. The sails of any watercraft on/in ALD Properties and ALD Waters must be down except while launching, sailing, or landing.
- (g) Watercraft may only be stored in designated areas on/in ALD Properties or ALD Waters between April 1 and October 31.
- (h) No person may moor, store, or operate on/in ALD Properties or ALD Waters any watercraft which the Board determines is unsafe as to its location, construction, or condition, or which obstructs or otherwise adversely affects ALD Waters or other residents/owners.
- (i) Batteries shall be securely attached to the watercraft when in use or contained in a floating box.
- (j) Watercraft shall not attain speeds greater than 5 miles per hour. Watercraft shall not produce more than a minimum wake near shore, swimmers, or other boaters.
- (k) No watercraft shall have more than one level.
- (l) Entire deck surface shall be above water line under all loading conditions.
- (m) Standing water shall not be allowed to accumulate in any watercraft.
- (n) Watercraft launched from trailers must be launched at the Main Beach boat ramp to allow for proper

inspection of boat and trailer prior to launch. Trailers must meet the requirements outlined in 2008.8(e)(2). Launching from a trailer at Lollipop Beach or the ROWs is prohibited.

- (o) See 2008.6 for additional restrictions related to Watercraft.

## **2008.9 – Privately Owned Lakefront Property, Moorings, Rafts, Docks**

### **(a) Permitting**

- Waterfront residents and/or their contractor must meet all applicable town permitting requirements (including wetlands commission) for the town within which they live and must submit plans and receive approval from the Board before constructing, modifying, or placing any dock, raft or mooring, or excavating or filling any shoreline.

### **(b) Dimensions/Configuration/Construction**

- Rafts must be a minimum of 8 feet to a maximum of 14 feet wide and must not be located more than 40 feet from shore.
- Docks must be a minimum of 3 feet wide and must not extend more than 24 feet from the shore.
- Size and placement of docks and rafts should minimize negative impacts on ALD Waters, water views and boat access of neighbors, vegetation, and wildlife.
- Flotation materials must be completely enclosed to prevent them from breaking apart or floating away. Foam core, Styrofoam, metal drums, and rubber tires are prohibited.
- The use of gasoline-powered equipment to install dock pilings is prohibited.
- If docks are fastened to the shoreline, this must be done in a manner that minimizes disturbance to the existing shoreline.

### **(c) Access**

- Owners of lakefront property may access ALD Waters and moor watercraft and rafts directly between their right and left property lines a maximum of 40 feet from the shore. Docks, rafts, and moorings should be located such that watercraft secured to them do not extend over the adjacent property line.
- Watercraft and rafts may only be moored one-deep

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along the shoreline with a maximum of two moorings per residential property.

- Only one watercraft is permitted per mooring with a maximum swing radius equal to the length of the watercraft plus four feet.
- Launching watercraft from a trailer is not permitted from private property.

## (d) Maintenance

- Moorings, rafts, and docks must be maintained to ensure that there is no deterioration in the safety and structural soundness.

## (e) Grandfathered Privileges

- Owners/residents of any mooring, raft, or dock in non-compliance with this ordinance may seek grandfathered privileges from the Board. If granted, such privileges will expire 30 days after its owner dies, the real property is conveyed to a new owner, or the dock or raft is replaced.

## 2008.10 – Beach/ROW Rules

- (a) No person may enter or use any beach on ALD Properties except: (1) in a safe and sanitary manner which does not interfere with the enjoyment or well-being of others, including pass checkers; (2) with a current, valid, Board-approved beach pass (or as a guest of a person who is present with a current, valid, Board-approved beach pass) which is displayed or presented upon request. Persons present on ALD Property in violation of this section are trespassing.
- (b) The following are prohibited on/in any beach, ALD Properties, or ALD Waters: (1) children aged 12 and under unless accompanied by an adult; (2) littering, and glass containers; (3) pets between April 1 and September 30; and (4) fishing in areas already being used for swimming. Fishing must be done with extreme caution. Leaving fishing lines, hooks, lures, bait or other fishing materials behind is prohibited.
- (c) The parking lots at Main Beach and Lollipop Beach are open and the gates unlocked between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. between May 1 and September 30, unless otherwise directed by the Board.
- (d) See 2008.6 for additional restrictions on activity at beaches and ROWs.

## 2008.11 – Motor Vehicles

- (a) No person may operate or park a motor vehicle on ALD Properties except: (1) on roadways and areas

owned or maintained by the District which are designated for such use; (2) with a current, valid, Board-approved car pass which is clearly displayed on the rearview mirror or dashboard; (3) in compliance with all posted signage (e.g., speed limit, no parking); and (4) in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the state and town.

- (b) No all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, go-carts, or other motorized recreational vehicles, or remote-controlled toys or other devices (e.g., drones) may be operated on ALD Properties without Board approval.
- (c) Any abandoned or unregistered motor vehicle on or obstructing any ALD Properties or which otherwise violates any ordinance of the District, may be towed at the owner's expense.
- (d) The speed limit on the private Lebanon roads is 15 mph.

## 2008.12 – Animals

- (a) No person may own or keep any animal within the District except common domesticated household pets in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the state and town.
- (b) No person may own or keep any animal within the District if it is bred or maintained for commercial purposes, intended for consumption, or actually or traditionally housed in outdoor caging or pens.
- (c) No person may introduce, feed, remove, or harm any migratory species or waterfowl, turtle, or any other wild animal anywhere within the District.
- (d) Residents are responsible for their pets at all times. Dogs must be leashed when on ALD Properties. Pet droppings anywhere within the Amston Lake District must be picked up, removed, and properly discarded in the trash (not in porta-potties).

## 2008.13 – Unsafe Conditions

No person may cause or permit any contaminants or hazardous, unsanitary, or blight condition to exist within the ALD, including, but not limited to, refuse materials, improperly stored chemicals, rotten wood or food, accumulated junk, stagnant water, roadbed obstructions, unregistered or abandoned vehicles, and feeding or breeding conditions for mosquitoes, vermin, or other pests.

## 2008.14 – Taxes and Debts

- (a) Taxes are levied against each parcel of real property in

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the District annually as of October 1, based on the assessments of the town in which it is located. Each levy is due in a single installment on July 1. Taxes of more than \$200 may be split into two equal payments with the second installment coming due January 1. No additional bill will be sent for the January payment.

- (b) Special tax assessments may be imposed as provided by state law and shall be payable on a date and in such installments as determined by the Board.
- (c) All taxes, fines, restitution orders, and other debts owed to the District shall: (1) be collectable by the District in any manner available for collecting a delinquent real property tax under Connecticut Statute; (2) accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% for each whole or part month they remain unpaid; and (3) be deemed increased by all the District's collection expenses including court costs and attorney's fees.
- (d) All payments made or recovered for amounts owed to the District shall be applied in the following order: (1) first, to all collection expenses including attorney's fees incurred by the District; (2) next, to any unsecured debts owed to the District by contract or otherwise; (3) next, to all fines and penalties in the chronological order in which they were imposed; and (4) last, to the interest accrued on, then lien fees incurred for, then principal amounts of each respective year's unpaid taxes, in the chronological order in which they were levied.

## 2008.15– Enforcement/Reporting of Violations

- (a) The Board may enforce its Special Act, Bylaws, and Ordinances and protect the interests of the community by imposing fines, invalidating passes, towing vehicles or removing watercraft at the owner's expense, prosecuting litigation in the District's name, abating any violation without breaching the peace, and as otherwise allowed by law.
- (b) If it is determined that an emergency (defined as immediate health, safety, or property risk) exists, the Board may order immediate corrective action and curtail or eliminate prior notice as described in this section.
- (c) Any property owner or resident may make a complaint to the Board if they believe there is a violation of ALD ordinances. The complaint will be investigated and appropriate action taken, as determined by the Board in accordance with these ordinances, and may include steps as outlined below:

- (1) Board determines possible violation.
  - (2) Board notifies individual of alleged violation in writing to the address of record, both by regular and certified mail and provides at least five days' notice of invitation to be heard at Board meeting.
  - (3) Board makes determination and may impose fines of up to \$100 for a first violation (up to \$500 for trespassing, as noted in 2008.8(d)), up to \$500 for any subsequent violations, and may order full restitution of any actual losses, abatement costs, repair expenses, and attorney fees.
  - (4) Board notifies individual in writing of the outcome to the address of record, both by regular and certified mail.
  - (5) If the individual does not take appropriate action to rectify the violation and pay any assessed fines and restitution within 30 days of being notified of the Board's decision, the Board may impose additional fines, (up to \$500) every 30 days until the violation has been rectified, including any additional legal fees and expenses incurred on behalf of the District.
  - (6) The Board may, upon written request, convene a Board of Appeals which will consist of a special meeting of the full Board. The Board will review the outcome of the original hearing, permit new and additional information to be presented by all appropriate parties, will evaluate the information provided, and will reach a final determination on the issue.
- (d) If the owner of any watercraft removed at the direction of the Board is unknown, or, if known, does not pay for removal expenses and retrieve the watercraft within 10 days of the Board's written instruction to do so, the District may dispose of the watercraft without further notice to the owner or liability to the District.
  - (e) The Board will notify federal, state, and/or local administrative agencies and law enforcement authorities of criminal violations and regulatory infractions. The District will seek to prosecute trespassing, environmental contamination, and other crimes committed against it to the fullest extent of the law.

# BYLAWS OF THE AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT

*Date Approved: August 16, 2014*

## ARTICLE I - AUTHORITY

Section 1 – The Amston Lake District was established by the merger of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District, created as stated in its notices of organization dated August 9, 1984 and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District, created as stated in its notices of organization dated June 4, 1987, as authorized by Connecticut Special Act 02-2 adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly on April 30, 2002. The following bylaws are promulgated under authority of Section 6 of Special Act 02-2. All predecessor bylaws of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District are hereby superseded.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

**Section 1** – The purposes of the District are:

- (a) to promote, study, and foster environmental awareness and protection of Amston Lake and its watershed;
- (b) to construct, repair, manage, and supervise lake facilities and operations such as recreational facilities and erosion/flood control systems;
- (c) to construct, repair, and maintain roads, accessways, drains, and sewers;
- (d) to provide information to District residents and liaison with federal, state, and local governments and officials on issues related to its purposes; and
- (e) such other lawful purposes provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-326, Connecticut Special Act 02-2, and any other applicable general or special act, as amended.

**Section 2** – The District shall not assume or supersede any powers or responsibilities exclusively reserved by law to other municipal or state authorities, except by inter-local agreement or as otherwise allowed by state law.

## ARTICLE III - JURISDICTION

**Section 1** – The territorial limits of the District are: (a) Within the Town of Hebron, Connecticut: beginning at the point where the borders of the Town of Colchester, the Town of Hebron and the Town of Lebanon intersect; thence NORTHERLY along the Hebron-Lebanon Town Line to a point which is 250' northerly of the northerly shoreline of Amston Lake; thence WESTERLY to a point which is the northeasterly corner of property now or formerly of Lawrence E. and

Janet M. Hangland and which property is identified on the Hebron Assessors Map #65 as parcel 8A; thence SOUTHWESTERLY to a point 250' northerly of the center line of Ames Road; thence WESTERLY along a line 250' northerly of the center line of Ames Road and paralleling said road to a point 250' easterly of the center line of North Pond Road; thence NORTHERLY, NORTHWESTERLY AND WESTERLY along a line 250' easterly from the center line of North Pond Road and paralleling said road to a point in Route 85; thence SOUTHERLY along the center line of Connecticut Route 85 to the center line of Lake Road; thence EASTERLY along the center line of Lake Road to a point 280' westerly of the center line of Hillcrest Road; thence SOUTHERLY, SOUTHWESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY along a line 280' westerly of the center line of Hillcrest Road running parallel to said road to a point in the Colchester-Hebron Town Line; thence NORTHERLY along the town line to the point and place of beginning; and (b) Within the Town of Lebanon, Connecticut: beginning at the point where the borders of the Town of Colchester, the Town of Hebron and Town of Lebanon intersect; thence NORTHERLY along the Hebron-Lebanon Town Line to a point which is 500' northerly of the northerly shoreline of the Amston Lake; thence NORTHERLY, EASTERLY, and SOUTHEASTERLY along a line 500' from and paralleling the shoreline of Amston Lake to a point at the northeasterly corner of lot #417 and the northwesterly corner of lot #416 both of which lots are part of Section "C" of the Amston Lake Subdivision as is set out on a map entitled "Subdivision of Property N/F The Amston Lake Company, Lebanon, Conn. Scale: 1=100' Date, Sept. 1959 by Primus & Welti, Engrs., Glastonbury, Conn.". filed as Map #284 in the Town of Lebanon and filed on 10/14/59; thence SOUTHERLY and WESTERLY along the easterly boundary of Section "C" of the Amston Lake Subdivision to a point in the southwest line of lot #135 in section "C" and which point is the easterly corner of lot #94 in subsection "B" of the Amston Lake Subdivision as is set out on a map entitled: "Map of Lake Amston Sections A & B preliminary map. Sept. 1934 H. E. Daggett; Civil Engineer, Meriden, Conn., Scale 1= 100 developed by the Amston Lake Co." filed in the Town of Lebanon 10/8/34 and indexed as Map #273; thence SOUTHERLY, SOUTHWESTERLY, and WESTERLY along the easterly and southerly boundary of Section "B" of the Amston Lake Subdivision to a point where the boundary of Section "B" intersects the Lebanon, Colchester Town Line; thence NORTHERLY along the town line to the point and place of beginning.

**Section 2** – The District may enlarge or reduce its territorial limits solely in accordance with the procedures set forth under Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-325, as amended.

**Section 3** – The District may terminate its existence solely in accordance with the procedures set forth under Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-329, as amended.

**ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY**

**Section 1** – The District’s Board of Directors shall be its governing body, manage the District and conduct its affairs, appoint its committees and officials, hire and terminate contractors, execute and perform its contracts, and exercise all other powers provided by its Bylaws, Ordinances, Special Act, and all applicable general or special acts, as amended, not otherwise specifically reserved to the voters.

**Section 2** – The Board shall consist of nine Directors, three of whom shall be elected by the voters at the annual meeting to serve staggered three-year terms from July 1 to June 30. Any voter of the District is eligible to serve as an Officer or Director except no two officers on the Board may reside in the same household, be married to each other or be parent/child. Any Officer or Director of the District may resign by notifying the Board in a writing which states the effective date of resignation. Any vacancy on the Board occurring between annual meetings may be filled until the next annual meeting by a voter appointed by a majority of the remaining Directors at a regular or special meeting of the Board, even in the absence of a quorum.

**Section 3** – A Director can be removed from the Board at any time, with or without cause, by a majority of the voters at a duly-called general or special meeting. A Director may also be removed by a majority of the other Directors if they determine that the Director either has become ineligible to be a voter or has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without acceptable excuse. A removed Director shall immediately return all property and papers of the District to the President of the Board.

**Section 4** – Except as otherwise provided by law, the District’s ordinances shall be deemed enacted upon the approval of a majority of the Directors at any duly-called annual or special meeting of the Board. An ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication of its full text in a local newspaper if enacted at a Board meeting, or 15 days after such publication if enacted at a meeting of the voters. A summary of the ordinance may be published in lieu of its full text so long as (a) the ordinance does not make or require an appropriation, (b) the summary adds, “This document is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for purposes of information, summarization, and explanation. This document does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the District for any purpose,” and (c) the District’s Clerk will provide for inspection or mailing at no charge a copy of the full text to any authorized voter so requesting.

**Section 5** – The Directors shall hold regular meetings on such dates and at such times and locations as they determine. At these meetings, the Directors shall conduct

such business as is either stated in the meeting’s agenda or, if not stated in the meeting’s agenda, approved for consideration by two-thirds of the Directors present.

**Section 6** – The Directors shall hold a special meeting at the request of the President or any three members of the Board. At such a meeting, the Directors shall act only upon the business stated in the request.

**Section 7** – By January 31 of each year, a schedule shall be filed with the District’s Clerk stating the dates of all regular meetings of the Board anticipated for that calendar year and of the District’s annual meeting. Absent an emergency, the District’s Clerk shall prepare and file an agenda for each meeting of the Board with the Town of Hebron at least 24 hours in advance.

**Section 8** – The presence of five Directors shall constitute the quorum necessary to conduct business at any Board meeting. Meetings may be adjourned for lack of a quorum until such time as a quorum is present. When a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a simple majority (or such higher proportion required by law or these Bylaws) of the Directors present and voting shall be deemed the approval of the Board for all questions arising. The President shall conduct all meetings, and may impose and enforce such rules, procedures, and directives as are reasonably necessary for the orderly transaction of business.

**Section 9** – Board meetings shall be open to the public, unless two-thirds of the Directors vote to hold a closed executive session for the stated purpose of discussing: (a) appointment, contractor performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or contractor unless that individual requests an open meeting; (b) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the District or any voter thereof, because of the voter’s conduct as a voter, contractor, appointee, or Director of the District, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled; (c) matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security; (d) discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale, construction, or purchase of real estate by the District when publicity would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning it have been terminated or abandoned; (e) any matter which would result in the disclosure of records exempt from public disclosure under state or federal law; and (f) any other matter for which executive session is permitted under applicable law.

**Section 10** – All records relating to the conduct of the voters’ business which are maintained or kept on file by the District, and not exempt from disclosure by state or federal law, shall be available to the general public for inspection during regular office or business hours. Within four business days after

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receiving both a written request for specified non-exempt records and prepayment of the actual reproduction costs up to fifty cents per page, the District shall provide either (a) copies of the records requested; (b) the date by which the records can be promptly compiled and copied; or (c) the reasons why the records are exempt from disclosure along with a refund of the prepayment.

**Section 11** – Other than executive sessions, minutes of all Board meetings shall be taken which reflect the votes of each Director and which are made available for public inspection within 48 hours.

**Section 12 – The Board may create such committees and subcommittees** as it deems appropriate and appoint any number of voters to serve on them for designated or indefinite terms. All committee and subcommittee meetings shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with Sections 4 through 10 of this Article insofar as they are applicable.

**Section 13** – The Board is required to purchase and maintain insurance for the Officers and Directors (Errors and Omissions) and additional liability, property, and/or other insurance on the District's behalf as is deemed necessary and prudent to ensure that the Board adequately protects the assets of the District (District owned Lands/Lake Waters and Capital Assets (cash in Bank, etc.) from all risks and liabilities.

**Section 14** – The Board shall have all powers, and may employ all remedies and mechanisms, which are available by law for enforcing the District's Special Act, Bylaws, ordinances, and lawful rights and interests in the District's name and for collecting its taxes and other debts owed along with its attorney's fees and expenses incurred except as prohibited by law.

### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

**Section 1** – Four Directors shall be elected by the voters at the annual meeting to serve as the District's President, Vice President, Clerk, and Treasurer. A person may only serve as an Officer of the District if, and for so long as, the person is a member of the Board of Directors. The Board may, in its discretion, appoint a Tax Collector.

**Section 2** – The President shall be the District's chief executive officer; preside at all meetings of the voters and of the Directors; vote at meetings only when necessary to dissolve a tie; serve as or appoint a parliamentarian at meetings; approve all bills for payment by the Treasurer,

serve as an ex officio member of all committees and boards of the District; and designate the duties of each Director consistent with those provided in these Bylaws.

**Section 3** – The Vice President shall have all the authority, power, and duties of the President whenever the President vacates office, is absent, or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the President for any reason, and perform such other duties as are assigned by the President.

**Section 4** – The Clerk shall keep a record of the minutes of all meetings of the voters and of the Directors; request and keep a list of the voters of the District from the registrars of voters and the assessors of the Town of Hebron and the Town of Lebanon; serve as or supervise the District's Recording Secretary; maintain, file, and disclose all of the District's public records as required by law; receive and catalogue correspondence to the District and transmit it to the Board; and annually receive from the assessors of each Town and provide to the District's Treasurer a copy of the grand list of all property in the District after it has been completed by each Town's board of assessment appeals. The Clerk shall transmit copies of the minutes to each Director at least one week before the next meeting of the Board.

**Section 5** – The Treasurer shall be in charge of the collection and payment of all moneys of the District under the Board's direction; maintain a ledger of the District's liabilities and assets and provide the Board with a monthly written report of the same; and serve as or supervise the District's Tax Collector. By September 28 of each year, the Treasurer shall file with the clerk of the Town of Hebron and the Town of Lebanon a statement of the District's accounts and finances for the prior fiscal year, including major disbursements, sources of receipts, and such other information as may be required by law or deemed relevant by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will also timely send, by certified return-receipt mail, all 1099 forms and summary 1096 form to the United States Internal Revenue Service, and maintain proof of mailing.

**Section 6** – The Tax Collector shall collect all tax revenues due to the District in accordance with state law under the supervision of the Treasurer.

**Section 7** – The Recording Secretary, if one is appointed or employed by the District, shall perform such duties related to the taking, keeping, and distributing of the minutes of meetings of the voters and of the Directors as assigned under the supervision of the Clerk.

**Section 8** – Directors shall serve without compensation unless, at a duly-called annual or special meeting, the voters authorize the Board to establish such compensation

by ordinance. Contractors shall receive such compensation as provided by written contract with the Board. Directors, contractors and appointees shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties with Board approval. The Treasurer shall prepare and send an IRS form 1099 Misc. to any person receiving more than \$600.00 in remuneration from the District during any calendar year.

**Section 9** – The District shall protect and save harmless its Directors, and appointees from financial loss and expense, including legal fees and costs, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment for acts or omissions in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 7-101(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### ARTICLE VI - VOTERS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Section 1** – Except as otherwise provided by law, the voters of the District shall be all persons who are at least 18 years old, citizens of the United States, and either (a) bona fide residents of the District lawfully registered to vote in the Town of Hebron or Town of Lebanon, or (b) individually or jointly liable to or statutorily exempted from taxes upon property located within the District on an assessment of at least \$1,000 on the last grand list. Each voter shall be entitled to a single vote regardless of the amount or number of properties the voter owns or occupies within the District.

**Section 2** – The voters shall hold an annual general meeting each May on a date provided by ordinance. At this meeting, the voters shall elect the District’s Directors, adopt the budget for the following fiscal year, and conduct such other business as is either stated in the meeting’s agenda or, if not stated in the meeting’s agenda, approved for consideration by two-thirds of the voters.

**Section 3** – The voters shall hold a special meeting within 21 days after receiving an application to do so from either (a) ten percent of the District’s voters, (b) twenty of the District’s voters, (c) the District’s President, or (d) any three members of the Board. At such a meeting, the voters shall act only upon the business stated in the application.

**Section 4** – All meetings shall be held at a time and location selected by the Board and published, along with the purposes of the meeting, in a local newspaper at least 10 days in advance and signed by the Clerk or any three Directors. The District’s Clerk shall prepare and file an agenda for each meeting of the Board with the Town of Hebron at least 24 hours in advance.

**Section 5** – The presence of fifteen voters shall constitute the quorum necessary to conduct business at any District meeting. When a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a simple majority (or such higher proportion required by law or these Bylaws) of the voters present and voting shall be deemed the approval of the voters for all questions arising. Meetings may be adjourned for lack of a quorum until such time as a quorum is present.

**Section 6** – District meetings shall be open to the public. The President may impose and enforce such procedures and directives as are reasonably necessary for the orderly transaction of business at all meetings.

#### ARTICLE VII - BUDGET AND TAXATION

**Section 1** – The fiscal year of the District shall be from July 1 to June 30.

**Section 2** – In accordance with Chapters 204 and 205 of the Connecticut General Statutes and all other applicable laws, the District shall annually levy and collect taxes, along with delinquency interest and fees, upon all non-exempt real property within the District, and also such other taxes as the Board may by ordinance lawfully impose, to raise revenue for the District’s governmental purposes and general public welfare.

**Section 3** – By the first day of each May, the Treasurer in conjunction with the President shall prepare and present an annual budget for the following fiscal year to the Board of Directors for review. The budget shall: (a) be prepared in accordance with Section 3 of Special Act 02-2; (b) contain itemized estimates of anticipated receipts and expenditures for the following fiscal year, and of anticipated surpluses or deficits after the prior fiscal year, and such other information as may be required by law or deemed relevant by the Treasurer; and (c) be presented, along with any comments and recommendations of the Board, at the District’s annual meeting.

**Section 4** – A majority of the voters at the annual meeting may approve the budget for the following fiscal year in full or with any lawful changes. If two consecutive meetings of the voters called for this purpose fail to attract a quorum, the budget may be approved by a majority of the Directors at a duly-called regular or special meeting of the Board. The annual budget last ratified by the voters shall be continued until a new budget is approved.

**Section 5** – After the District’s tax rate is fixed, the Tax Collector shall prepare a rate bill apportioning to each property owner his or her proportionate share of taxes in the form required by law and transmit a copy to the

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**Treasurer.** The Tax Collector shall also prepare a notice of the tax, its due date, and payment instructions on at least one bulletin board within the District, and in a local newspaper at least five days before and seven days after its due date as well as at least five days before it would become delinquent.

**Section 6** – Annual taxes shall be payable in an initial installment on July 1 or, if the District’s tax bills have not yet been issued by that date for any reason, 30 days after they are mailed or otherwise distributed. Special taxes may be levied according to law and shall be payable on a date and in such installments as determined by the Board.

**Section 7** – As it deems appropriate and as allowed or required by law, the Board may establish and maintain funds and accounts, and transfer surplus funds from one budget item, fund, or account to another.

**Section 8** – Except in the event of an emergency, no unbudgeted expenditure which exceeds \$2,500 and no budgeted expenditure which exceeds its line item by \$2,500 may be made without approval at a special meeting of the voters. Any resulting deficit will be a mandatory item in the following year’s budget.

**Section 9** – No contract or obligation which involves an expenditure by or loan to the District of \$10,000 or more in any year in which the District’s grand list is less than or equal to twenty million dollars, or \$20,000 or more in any year in which the District’s grand list is greater than twenty million dollars, shall be made by the Board unless specifically authorized by the voters in the budget or any other duly-called annual or special meeting. The District’s Clerk shall give written notice to the treasurers of the Town of Hebron and the Town of Lebanon within 30 days after any final decision of the Board to borrow money.

**Section 10** – The Treasurer shall cause all of the District’s accounts to be audited at least once annually by an independent auditor in accordance with Chapter 111 of the Connecticut General Statutes. By May 31 of each year, the District’s Treasurer shall file the name of the independent auditor with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for the State of Connecticut. The Treasurer shall present the result of the audit to the Board and voters, respectively, at their following regularly-scheduled meetings.

**Section 11** - Contracts shall not be binding on the District unless they are both approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly-noticed meeting and also signed by: (a) the President, the Treasurer, or another Officer designated by the Board

for contracts up to \$1,000; (b) the President and the Treasurer, or any two Officers designated by the Board for contracts over \$1,000 up to \$5,000; or (c) the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer, or any three Officers designated by the Board for contracts over \$5,000.

### ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

**Section 1** – Article 1, Section 1 of these Bylaws may be amended in whole or part pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 7-325(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Section 2** – Any other section of these Bylaws may be amended in whole or part upon the approval of a simple majority of the voters at any duly-called annual or special meeting.

**Section 3** – Within 30 days after any vote to amend these Bylaws, the District’s Clerk shall file copies of the amendments with the clerks of the Town of Hebron and Town of Lebanon.

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**House Bill No. 5067**

**Special Act No. 02-2**

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AMSTON LAKE  
HEBRON TAX DISTRICT AND THE AMSTON  
LAKE LEBANON TAX DISTRICT TO MERGE  
INTO THE AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

**Section 1.** (Effective from passage) The Amston Lake Hebron tax district, located in the town of Hebron, and the Amston Lake Lebanon tax district, located in the town of Lebanon, are authorized to merge and form a single Amston Lake District if the boards of directors of both tax districts approve such merger. Upon approval of such merger, the boards shall meet in joint session and choose necessary officers to hold office until the first annual meeting of the Amston Lake District. Not more than seven days after the approval of the merger by the boards of directors under this section, the clerk of Amston Lake District shall cause a notice of such merger to be recorded in the land records of the towns of Hebron and Lebanon and indexed under the names of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District, respectively, as grantors, and under the name of the Amston Lake Tax District as grantee. The recording information of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District required by subsection (a) of section 7-325 of the general statutes shall be recorded in the same form as the initial recording by the clerk. At the same time, an initial report pursuant to the requirement of subsection (c) of section 7-325 of the general statutes and containing the information required by said subsection (c) for an initial report of a district created pursuant to chapter 105 of the general statutes shall be filed by the clerk with the town clerk of Hebron and the town clerk of Lebanon and annually thereafter a report shall be filed required by said subsection (c).

**Sec. 2.** Upon approval of such merger and the filing of the notice required by section 1 of this act, the Amston Lake District shall be a body, corporate and politic and shall thereupon and thereafter succeed to and possess all the title to real and personal property, rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District. All property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, all other choses in action, and all and every other interest of or belonging to or due to each of said tax districts merged shall be taken and transferred to, vested in, and assumed by the Amston Lake District without further act or deed. The title to any real or personal property, or any interest therein, vested in either of said tax districts so merged shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of such merger. The Amston Lake District shall, after such merger, be responsible and liable for all the liabilities, obligations, and penalties of each of the tax districts merged. Any claim existing and any action or proceeding pending by or against either of said tax districts merged may be prosecuted as if such merger had not taken place. Any judgment rendered against either of said tax districts merged may be enforced against the Amston Lake District. Neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of either of said tax districts merged shall be impaired by such merger.

**Sec. 3.** (a) For the purpose of determining an equitable distribution of the budget of the Amston Lake District against the grand lists prepared by the tax assessor of Hebron and the tax assessor of Lebanon and furnished to the District for the territory of the District within the town of Hebron and the town of Lebanon pursuant to section 7-328 of the general statutes, tax rates shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) (1) As used in this subsection, "public works" means improvements and activities of the Amston Lake District over, across, upon, under, and through the ROWs for public streets and roads and appurtenant easements and ways, within the territory of the Amston Lake District for all purposes for which the ROWs may be used, including, but not limited to, the placement, installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of pavement, structures, ways, pipes, ducts, cables, and utilities for parking and passage by foot, horse, or vehicle, for drainage, for safety, and for the movement

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or delivery of potable water, non-potable water, sewage, gas, electricity, and telecommunications. Repair and maintenance of pavement shall be construed to include (A) removal of snow and ice and control of snow and ice by application of sand, salt, and other means, and (B) removal or remediation of other obstructions to the use of the ways for their intended purpose. Utilities shall be construed to include, without limitation, future means for provision of drainage, communications, energy, water, and waste removal.

(2) The budgets for expenses for public works, including expenses for proposed capital projects and allocations for reserves and sinking funds for public works for the budget year, for the territory of the Amston Lake District within the town of Hebron and for the territory within the town of Lebanon shall be subtracted from the budget of total expenses for the district. Fifty per cent of the difference shall be added to the expenses for public works for the territory of the district within the town of Hebron, and fifty per cent of the difference shall be added to the expenses for public works within the territory of the district within the town of Lebanon. The resulting sum for the territory of the district within the town of Hebron shall be divided by the grand list as derived from the tax assessor of Hebron's grand list for the territory of the district within the town of Hebron. The resulting sum for the territory of the district within the town of Lebanon shall be divided by the grand list as derived from the tax assessor of Lebanon's grand list for the territory of the district within the town of Lebanon. The resulting quotients shall each be multiplied by one thousand to complete the calculation of the tax rates in mills for the territory of the district within the town of Hebron and the territory of the district within the town of Lebanon.

(3) Taxes of the Amston Lake District shall be levied against the grand list and assessed valuations of property within the town of Hebron at the tax rate established for the territory of the district within the town of Hebron, and they shall be levied against the grand list and assessed valuations of property within the town of Lebanon at the tax rate established for the territory of the district within the town of Lebanon. The Amston Lake District shall comply in all other aspects

with the provisions of chapter 105 of the general statutes and shall have all the powers and duties of a district under said chapter 105.

(4) Any reserve funds for public works existing as of the date of creation of the Amston Lake District or levied or assessed hereafter, shall be allocated solely to expenses for public works in the territory of the District from which the reserves originated, in such amounts and at such times, as the Board of Directors shall decide.

**Sec. 4.** The Amston Lake District shall give written notice to the Town of Lebanon and to the Town of Hebron no less than ten days prior to any meeting of the Amston Lake District called for the purpose of adopting any resolution providing for the borrowing of a sum in excess of one per cent of the then current grand list of the Amston Lake District.

**Sec. 5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 3, 90, 105, 110 and 112 of the general statutes, and sections 12-129d, 12-130, 21-136, 12-144a, 12-145, 12-147, 12-151 and 12-155 to 12-159, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended, actions of the meetings, boards of directors, tax collectors, and officials of the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District organized and existing under chapter 105 of the general statutes pursuant to notices of organization dated August 9, 1984, and recorded in Volume 8 Page 134 of the Hebron land records and dated June 4, 1987, and recorded in Volume 3 Page 2 of the Lebanon land records, respectively, in the calling of meetings, holding of votes, passage of ordinances, execution of contracts and agreements, establishment of budgets, assessment, levy and collection of taxes, issuance of bonds and notes of indebtedness, conveyance of mortgages securing such bonds or notes, and definition of territorial limits, and the establishment of and actions by the joint council on Amston Lake, as the interlocal advisory board created under the interlocal agreement made between the Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District dated on May 23, 1996, amended February 17, 1999, pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, of the general statutes, in the calling of meetings, holding of votes, passage of resolutions, execution of contracts and agreements, and establishment of budgets, are hereby validated.

**Sec. 6.** Any ordinances, contracts, bylaws, actions, and documents shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the inhabitants, occupants, and citizens and the territory of each of the former Amston Lake Hebron Tax District and the Amston Lake Lebanon Tax District, respectively, unless and until the Board of Directors of the newly merged Amston Lake District, by resolution, makes effective such ordinances which were identical in both districts, with respect to the territory of both former tax districts. Until such time, the Board of Directors of the newly formed Amston Lake District shall effectuate the ordinances, contracts, actions, and documents and enforce the terms and conditions of the documents with respect to such inhabitants, occupants, and citizens and within such applicable separate territories. Ordinances, contracts, bylaws, actions and documents which were not identical for both former tax districts will remain in effect for their applicable territories, until superseded by ordinance, contracts, bylaws and actions of the Amston Lake District, pursuant to the authority of its meeting of voters. Thereafter, all applicable actions affecting the new Amston Lake District shall be taken under the authority of the ordinances established by the meeting of the voters of the District which shall supersede any previous ordinances of the separate, former districts where inconsistent therewith. Contracts, actions, resolutions, and documents of the joint Council on Amston Lake shall become the contracts, actions, resolutions, and documents of the Amston Lake District without further action and the Amston Lake District will assume all liabilities and retain all the rights and duties of the joint Council on Amston Lake as an advisory board under sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, of the general statutes.



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