

AMSTON LAKE DISTRICT
Lake Usage Committee Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Zoom

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: F. Hoisl, B. Pelegano, T. Angelucci, D. Keith, K. Rustico, J. Waleszczyk,
Absent: J.Caines B. Lederer

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 27, 2025)

1. Prior minutes were not yet distributed.
2. Brandon stated he would attempt to send them to Frank by the next day.
3. Process agreed: Brandon will send to all members; members will reply with approval or requested edits.

D. Old Business Follow-up

1. Frank previously sent Brandon the prior-year GZA quote/menu-style proposal to support budgeting discussions and show which options were not selected (including sediment testing).
2. Frank reported he contacted Jeff Arpin to ask if Summer provided feedback from her prior visit.
 - o Jeff indicated Summer would discuss her feedback at the June clubhouse meeting.
3. Frank plans to ensure the committee's previously submitted questions are revisited and addressed in June.

E. Budget Planning Priorities

The committee focused on items to include in the upcoming budget cycle and ensuring efforts are not duplicated across committees.

1. Brandon emphasized the need for sediment testing to establish a baseline for:
 - a. sediment depth / thickness
 - b. sediment hardness
 - c. long-term trend tracking (whether sediment is increasing and reducing water depth)

2. Discussion referenced an estimate from Ponds and Lakes / Lakes and Ponds that included:
 - a. five sediment sample locations
 - o estimated cost in the ~\$3,000–\$3,950 range (as referenced verbally during the meeting)
- Next step: confirm scope and pricing; align with Lake Health activities to avoid duplication.

F. Aerial/Drone Mapping Update

1. Frank proposed updating lake aerial imagery, noting prior drone mapping occurred several years ago and may be appropriate on a recurring cycle (e.g., every 5 years).
2. Duncan asked where prior aerial images were stored.
3. Frank stated he has the files locally and will:
 - a. move them to a storage device
 - b. provide to Liz for upload to the district site (or shared drive)
4. Brandon offered to contact the prior vendor (Droneology) and request:
 - a. more digestible “Google Earth-style” stitched views of coves
 - b. a clearer deliverable that is easier to navigate than thousands of individual images

G. Littoral Zone / Dive-Based Survey (Solitude)

1. Brandon referenced a quote from Solitude for a littoral zone assessment involving divers/waders entering coves to identify conditions and vegetation more directly than hook-drag methods.
2. Purpose: improve early detection (e.g., milfoil) and strengthen visibility in problem areas.
3. Brandon plans to discuss feasibility and overlap with Lake Health with Jeff.

H. Benthic Barriers

1. Group consensus: benthic barriers relate more to dock/swim area management and may fall under other committees (Dock Committee or Lake Health).
2. Key concern: ensure barriers funded in the current Lake Health budget are actually purchased/installed in the appropriate seasonal window.
3. Action requested: Duncan and/or Jean to confirm with Lake Health:
 - a. whether benthic barriers are in the budget

- b. quantity, installation locations, and timing

I. Member Observations and Community Feedback

1. Todd reported observing an unusual brownish/red sediment-like coloration under the ice in Lollipop Cove before the blizzard.
2. Members agreed to raise the observation with Summer at the June meeting if relevant.
3. Multiple members (Todd and Karen in particular) emphasized:
 4. need for second opinions and additional expert input
 5. urgency to move from discussion to measurable action
 6. value of gathering broader resident feedback through an email/community blast rather than relying only on meeting attendance
4. Todd suggested using modern tools (AI summarization) to help distill large historical lake reports into plain-language summaries and “most asked questions” formats.

J. Next Meeting

1. Confirmed pricing for sediment testing and aerial work
2. Finalized budget request figures
3. Implementation planning once budget timing and approvals are clearer

K. Adjournment

8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Hoisl Co-Chair with Use of A/I