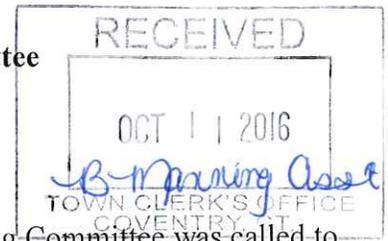


Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Building



Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room B by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Charlie Brown, Jr., Jack Clausen, Scott Gallo, and Jerry Zak. Absent were Linda Comeau and Leslie Shor.

Secretary's Report – Scott Gallo moved to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Zak and the minutes were approved.

Audience of citizens – none

New Business – none

Old Business –

September Lake Forum – The annual Coventry Lake Forum was held on September 20th in the Patriots Park Lodge.

Representatives from CT DEEP, Solitude Lake Management, and Northeast Aquatic Research spoke in regards to the treatment of Hydrilla in August. Post treatment surveys were done on August 24th and September 8th. The treatment appeared successful in killing off the Hydrilla vegetation. The native Elodea appeared to be unaffected by the herbicide. During a post treatment survey, the Northeast Aquatic team pulled up a fragment of Hydrilla in the boat launch area. A more extensive survey will be conducted by the end of the year to determine the extent of possible Hydrilla growth near the boat launch.

Dr. Kortmann gave a state of the Lake presentation that focused on his tests and observations of the effects on water quality attributed to the herbicide treatment for Hydrilla. His overall assessment was that there was no serious impact on water quality as a result of the herbicide. Ecologically, the Lake appeared to be functioning as should be expected given the time of year.

Town Manager John Elsesser provided an update on the Lake dam-work scheduled for this fall. Work on the new gate will begin in early October. The new gate upgrade will allow for more automatic, self-regulating adjustments to control the Lake water level. During construction of the new gate, all *Phragmites australis* (an invasive common reed), located by the gate, will be removed by excavation.

Hydrilla – CT DEEP released a press release on September 23, 2016, confirming that Hydrilla was found in the CT River. The release stated 'DEEP identified Hydrilla in a hard to reach portion of Keeney Cove. It was discovered in the cove by botanists participating in a "bioblitz" near Two Rivers Magnet School in East Hartford back in June'.

Lake Management Plan – The committee discussed current efforts being made to continue to look for ways to stimulate community interest and support, including; creating a calendar of Lake related events and maintenance, organizing an aquatic plant identification and monitoring survey team of volunteers, and utilizing a Facebook page for Lake related announcements and updates.

Correspondence/Communications – none

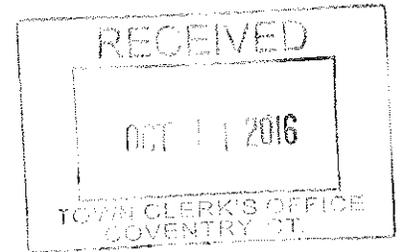
Members Forum – none

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Charles Brown, Jr.,
Secretary, Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee



These minutes are not official until approved by the Committee at its next meeting.