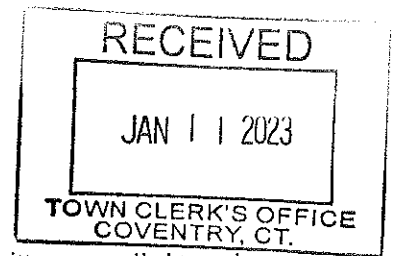


Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
January 9, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
(ZOOM Video Conference)



Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday January 9, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conference by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Charles Brown, Carly Levine, Scott Gallo, and Amanda Slater. Also present was Mindy Gosselin, Wetland Agent for the Town of Coventry.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Scott Gallo, seconded by Carly Levine, members approved minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting. All voted to approve.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens:

The committee was joined by Joe King, a resident of Andover and a member of the Andover Lake Association.

Mr. King was interested in speaking with the committee because he had heard Coventry had started a volunteer water monitoring program. Mr. King explained the Andover Lake Association currently hires professionals to monitor and test their water, but like Coventry, they are interested in taking over some of the sampling responsibilities to cut down on costs. He was curious if Coventry would be interested in working with Andover in some way, perhaps sharing equipment, to make volunteer water sampling more feasible for both lakes.

The committee clarified that Coventry was still in the early stages of planning the implementation of a volunteer monitoring program on Coventry Lake, but expressed interest in having further discussions with Andover Lake Association when Coventry had a more concrete plan in place.

Old Business:

Lake Gate/Lake Level Update: Scott Gallo reported that we appear to be at winter level.

Hydrilla Treatment: The committee received the 2022 Hydrilla Management Report last month and discussed at the December meeting. The committee is currently waiting to hear what the final decision will be regarding the 2023 management plan.

Volunteer Lake Water Monitoring: Mindy Gosselin and the committee discussed the current volunteer water monitoring proposal, which is hoped to be put in place for the 2023 season. There are still many questions at this time. The committee is interested in having further discussion with Dr. Kortmann and the town to finalize a plan for water sampling in 2023.

CT Eagle Count: An eagle count was conducted at various location throughout the state on Jan. 7th from 7am to 11am. Debby Zeppa participated as a representative observing Coventry Lake, but no eagles were observed on Coventry Lake during the count time period.

Adjournment: With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Brown
Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee

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