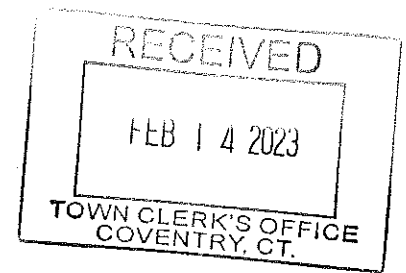


Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
February 13, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
(ZOOM Video Conference)



Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference, by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Charles Brown, Scott Gallo, Carly Levine, and Rich Pearson (Secretary). Guests attending included Melinda Gosselin (Town of Coventry) and Dr. Robert Kortmann (GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.).

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Ms. Zeppa, members voted unanimously to approve minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular meeting, with Mr. Pearson abstaining.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business

Lake Gate Update: Mr. Gallo reported he had no update from Public Works Director Bill Watkins, currently on vacation. He will follow-up with Mark Owens in the interim, and will update Committee members. Members noted that the lake appears high for this time of year, hope to see it restored to normal winter levels, and will share that information with Town staff while seeking the updated level readings.

Lake Monitoring Program Updates: Chair Zeppa invited Dr. Robert Kortmann of GZA GeoEnvironmental to update on the proposed Coventry Lake Cooperation Monitoring Program. Dr. Kortmann noted he would forward his slides presentation to Chair Zeppa, to share with Committee members. He discussed the proposed organizational structure, the crucial role for trained citizen volunteers to gather and report data, the mechanics of program operations, training requirements, the role of this Committee going forward, the importance of communicating effectively with the public, etc. Members support these monitoring/reporting efforts and envision an active role for the Committee in program implementation.

Hydrilla Update: Chair Zeppa noted the Town received the Coventry Lake Hydrilla Management Program 2022 Treatment Report by Northeast Aquatic Research. Additional spot treatments are planned for 2023, but no full lake treatment is planned, although surveys of lake conditions will be conducted. The Committee plans to engage volunteers to help keep an eye on previously identified target areas and update Town officials on observations in real-time. The Hydrilla Update will remain an agenda item for future Committee meetings.

January Eagle Count Update: Chair Zeppa reported that no eagles were spotted on the lake during the prescribed viewing period on January 7. Nor were any sightings reported on Eagleville Lake or the Willimantic River, although Last Green Valley did report more than a dozen sightings.

Sexual Harassment Training Update: Chair Zeppa reported that all members had completed the requisite training except for Mr. Pearson, who promised to get it done prior to the next Committee meeting of March 13.

Correspondence/Communication: No significant items of correspondence since January 9, 2023 meeting.

Members Forum: Members discussed using the March meeting to address the content and timeliness of the 2023 Summer Newsletter, and the Libraries Love Lakes program for Summer 2023.

Adjournment: With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pearson, Secretary
Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee

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