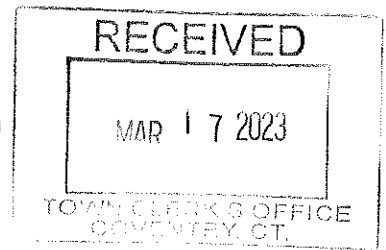


**Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee (CLAM)**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**(ZOOM Video Conference)**



**Call to Order/Roll Call:** A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday, March 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, Amanda Slater and Rich Pearson (Secretary).

**Secretary's Report:** On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Ms. Levine, members voted unanimously to approve minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting, with Ms. Slater abstaining.

**Audience of Citizens:** None

**Old Business**

**Sexual Harassment Training:** Chair Zeppa reported all members had completed the requisite training.

**Lake Gate:** Mr. Gallo reported on recent email updates from Public Works Director Bill Watkins, that the lake (on March 10) was at 92.4 feet, the gate is  $\frac{3}{4}$  open, and the plan is to keep it open until the first week of April. He noted that downstream work at Teleflex requires minimal flow into early April. The lake level rose quickly during the winter when the gate was partially closed, and current thinking is to keep it open for now so that when it is closed there will be sufficient room before the level reaches the weir.

**Hydrilla:** Chair Zeppa noted that nothing new had occurred on this matter since the February CLAM meeting.

**Lake Monitoring for 2023:** Chair Zeppa noted no new developments since last month's meeting. Specifics of the proposed Coventry Lake Cooperation Monitoring Program, and CLAM's role(s) in it, will be determined upon adoption of the 2022-23 town budget. Members discussed actions that can be taken without significant cost.

**Libraries Love Lakes 2023:** Ms. Levine suggested a minimum of 12 participants for an impactful program. Mr. Pearson will check with Booth & Dimock Library on their realistic level of commitment and engagement for the upcoming summer, in light of ongoing library renovations, and will report to Ms. Levine and Chair Zeppa.

**Summer Newsletter Plan:** Proposed publication date this year is on or about Memorial Day. Members agreed to submit drafts of their articles to Mr. Gallo by the May 8 meeting, in Word format with photos submitted separately. Possible topics under consideration include (not limited to): lake wildlife; watershed science; aquatic plants; lake gate; invasives; geese; lake safety, etc. For further discussion at the April meeting.

**July Lake Awareness:** Chair Zeppa will hang July Lake Awareness Month banners at both the high school and grammar school. Members discussed ways and possible venues to promote the prospective lake monitoring program, demonstrate use of related tools, etc. For further discussion at the April meeting.

**Correspondence/Communication:** No significant items of correspondence since February 13, 2023 meeting.

**Members Forum:** No further discussion.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 10, 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)*