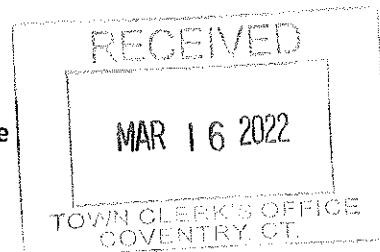


Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
March 14, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
(ZOOM Video Conference)



Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday March 14, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conference by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Scott Gallo, Carly Imhoff and Rich Pearson.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Pearson, members voted unanimously to approve minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens: None.

Old Business

Lake Gate Update: Mr. Gallo reported he had not requested an update from the town, but it is anticipated that the gate would be raised to summer level as of April 15 and would be regularly monitored thereafter.

Aquatic Plants Update: Chair Zeppa forwarded for review the *Coventry Lake Hydrilla Management Program 2021 Treatment Report (January 2022)* produced by Northeast Aquatic Research and Solitude Lake Management previously submitted to the town. Ensuing discussion addressed: value of having a brief "layperson" introductory summary of key findings, emphasizing that the strategy has proven effective and enhanced lake quality; importance of communicating about the report with the larger community, particularly the various lake associations and CLC distribution list and via the CLA&MC Facebook page; frequency/timing of public signage posting concerning hydrilla applications; failure to address boat launch monitoring, which Chair Zeppa will check with DEEP, and related matters.

July Lake Awareness: Chair Zeppa reported she has two large *July is Lake Awareness Month* banners for installation on the highly visible street-facing fences at the high school and middle school. The 2022 *Libraries Love Lakes* initiative was discussed (see below). Options for the September Forum were discussed, including identifying topics and engaging presenters that would stimulate interest and attendance. To be continued at upcoming meetings.

Libraries Love Lakes: Chair Zeppa reported Mr. Pearson will contact Booth & Dimock Library Director Margaret Khan to clarify level of interest in the LLL program for the upcoming summer, potential impacts of the library renovation project, intended target audiences, effective publicity strategies, etc., and would coordinate feedback with Ms. Imhoff, who developed the project implemented last summer. For discussion at the April meeting.

Secchi Disk Reading 2022: Chair Zeppa will contact Suzanne Choate for an update at the April meeting.

New Business

Correspondence/Communication: No significant items of correspondence were received or submitted since the Committee's last meeting of February 14, 2022.

Members Forum: Members briefly discussed the potential impact of likely higher fuel prices on boating activity this upcoming summer. The CLA&MC Newsletter will be addressed at the April meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2022, 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)