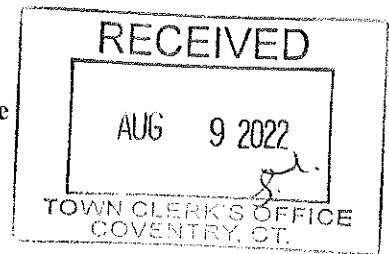


Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
August 8, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
(ZOOM Video Conference)



Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday August 8, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conference by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Suzanne Choate, Scott Gallo, Carly Imhoff, Amanda Slater, and Rich Pearson.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Mr. Pearson, members approved minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting. Chair Zeppa, Ms. Imhoff, Mr. Gallo, and Mr. Pearson voted to approve. Ms. Slater abstained, having been absent on July 11. Ms. Choate arrived joined the meeting following the vote.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens: Chair Zeppa used this portion of the agenda to welcome new member Amanda Slater and give members an opportunity to introduce themselves and note their interests and priorities.

Old Business

Lake Gate Update: Mr. Gallo noted that Coventry Director of Public Works Bill Watkins reported the gate reading today at 92.4, slightly lower than the summer target of 93. Lack of rain is the major cause. It was decided to use the Committee's Facebook page to remind people about the low water level and to be watchful about rocks, etc.

Hydrilla Update: Chair Zeppa reported the second round of hydrilla treatment is scheduled for August 22 and that she would follow-up with Eric Trott about effective public signage for the event at key locations, noting that signage for this year's first treatment was better than last year but still needed fine tuning to maximize outreach.

Summer Newsletter: Chair Zeppa and committee members commended Mr. Gallo for his efforts in compiling, editing, and producing this year's newsletter, since posted on Facebook and shared with the CLC distribution list.

Libraries Love Lakes: Chair Zeppa and Ms. Imhoff noted that one family participated at the Saturday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. program at Millbrook Place Gazebo. Efforts will be made to follow-up with Booth & Dimock Memorial Library management to strategize about increasing participation levels going forward, explore more robust engagement by the Coventry schools system in the future, etc.

Secchi Disk Reading 2022: Mr. Pearson reported he had conducted no further readings following due to the lake's public health advisory. With the advisory now terminated he intends to conduct readings biweekly as planned, would update the data to the CT DEEP CT Lake Watch website, and will keep Ms. Zeppa updated and informed.

Facebook Updates: No new information.

September Forum Planning: Chair Zeppa noted the tentative date for the forum is September 20. Final date to be determined. The key focus of the meeting will be the overall health of the lake, particularly considering the recent public health advisory and related matters. Members were asked to share with Chair Zeppa by Monday August 22 any questions they would like to see addressed at the forum. It was agreed we would reach out to the CLC distribution list to encourage public input on questions to be addressed at the forum.

New Business – Toxic blue-green algae bloom update: Chair Zeppa noted today's EHHD advisory that the public health advisory for the lake has been terminated immediately, which she had forwarded via email to members earlier this afternoon. Members discussed the content of the advisory statement, including Dr. Kortmann's update.

Correspondence/Communication: No significant items of correspondence were received or submitted since the Committee's last meeting of June 11, 2022.

Members Forum: Conducted during the preceding discussion about the September Forum (see above).

Adjournment: With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 12, 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)