

**COVENTRY INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

By: Mathieu

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Place: Hybrid

1. ROLL CALL:

		PRESENT	ABSENT
REGULAR MEMBERS:	Martin Briggs – remote	X	
	Suzanne Choate – remote	X	
	Patricia Laramee		X
	Lori Mathieu, Chairperson	X	
	Becca Norman – remote	X	
ALTERNATE MEMBERS:	Open		
	Mike Powers – remote	X	
STAFF:	Todd Penney, Town Engineer/Wetlands Agent (left at 8:00pm)	X	
STAFF:	Mindy Gosselin, Wetlands Agent Assistant	X	

2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lakeside Activities Discussion – Dr. Bob Kortmann

Bob Kortmann discussed his opinions in relation to lake front activities around Coventry Lake. He has been studying the Lake for 20+ years and has been a wetland consultant. He is currently an ecosystem ecologist specializing in limnology.

Kortmann discussed some preliminary concepts in relation to beach sand replenishment. Dimension, percent of Lake Frontage coverage, and grain size are all factors to consider and they may vary depending on where the property is located on the lake and its slope, existing conditions, etc.

There was also discussion on the creation of a task force which would include representatives from IWA, PZC, Town Council, CLAM, etc. The task force could create and implement “design guidelines” for lake front landscaping/activities and potentially create an incentive program to entice homeowners to be lake stewards. Creating something of this sort would require communication with lake homeowners and the distribution of educational materials and/or creation of educational programs.

Penney and Mathieu both acknowledged that this conversation was the first step in addressing lake front activities. There will be more discussion in the future.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: I move for adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

By: Mathieu

Voting:

For: Choate, Briggs, Mathieu, Norman, Powers

Against: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,



Mindy Gosselin, Wetland Agent and Erosion Control Officer

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