



Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
February 9, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes
(Virtual Format via ZOOM)

Call to Order/Roll Call: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee (CLA&MC) was called to order Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Charlie Brown Jr. The meeting was conducted via ZOOM. Other members present were Amanda L'Etoile, Ken Staten, Debby Zeppa and Rich Pearson (Secretary). Scott Gallo was absent.

Secretary's Report/Meeting Minutes: Ms. Zeppa moved approval of January 12, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Staten. It was pointed out that the date on the proposed minutes is inaccurately labeled January 10, which should be corrected to January 12. With that correction noted, the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes were approved. Brown, L'Etoile, Staten, Pearson and Zeppa voted in favor.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business

Lake Gate/Lake Level: Chair Brown reported that DPW was not asked for an update, given the lake's icing over.

Hydrilla Management: Brief discussion about the Coventry Lake Hydrilla Management 2025 Monitoring Report. Town awaiting decision on AIS grant application seeking \$75,000 to support hydrilla treatment program in 2026.

COOP Water Quality Sampling: Brief discussion. 2026 season start up anticipated in late April- early May, weather permitting.

LID Work Group/May Workshop: Mr. Pearson to follow up with Alyssa Barroso and Lori Mathieu from LID Work Group and report back on status of planning for this event and supporting efforts CLA&MC can make. Lake Smart program may be an issue where CLA&MC has a useful role to play in evolving LID efforts.

Lake Management Plan Update/Revision: Chair Brown reported on recent discussion with LID Work Group's Lori Mathieu about April 20 presentation to Town Council. CLA&MC intends to play an appropriate role in planning process, consistent with Town Council directives.

Outreach/Facebook Group: Members agreed on value of enhanced effective community outreach efforts.

Wake Enhancing Boats: Brief discussion. Will keep this item on agenda of future meetings for further review.

Town Newsletter: Chair Brown will draft and submit article, including focus on May workshop.

New Business

Correspondence/Communications: Chair Brown noted communications from: CT Federation of Lakes-Twin Lake Association re: January 27 webinar on hydrilla lessons learned; CT Federation of Lakes re: February 28 Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop; CAWS Wetlands re: March 24 Wetlands Conference; and Land Conservation Council re: March 21 meeting.

Members Forum: No additional discussion.

Adjournment: With no additional business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m., in virtual format via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pearson, Secretary
Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee

(Minutes not official until approved at next meeting)