



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

Call to Order/Roll Call: A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Charlie Brown Jr. Meeting conducted via ZOOM. Other members present: Ken Staten, Debby Zeppa, Rich Pearson (Secretary). Scott Gallo and Amanda L'Etoile were absent.

Secretary's Report/Meeting Minutes: Zeppa moved approval of February 9, 2026 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Staten. Brown, Staten, Zeppa and Pearson voted in favor.

Special Business/Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business

Lake Gate/Lake Level: No update from DPW as lake remains iced over. Update anticipated for April meeting.

Hydrilla Management: Brief discussion about Town winning \$75,000 AIS grant award from CT DEEP to support hydrilla treatment program in 2026.

COOP Water Quality Sampling: 2026 season start-up anticipated in late April-early May, weather permitting. GZA likely to participate in initial sampling, then in three subsequent sessions after July 1, to be scheduled.

LID Work Group/May Workshop: Pearson provided brief update on Work Group activity.

Lake Management Plan Update/Revision: Chair Brown reported on upcoming March 18 meeting with IWA LID Work Group re: coordination of efforts on plan and related matters.

Outreach/Facebook Group: Use Facebook to flag State requirement for Aquatic Invasive Species decal on registered boats, costing \$25, valid for calendar year. Zeppa to contact L. Burokas to include this info in outreach to lake community distribution list. Info should be posted at boat launch. Facebook update should also address wash-drain-dry criteria and seasonal life preserver requirements.

Wake Enhancing Boats: Continuing discussion. To be retained on April meeting agenda for further review.

Town Newsletter: CLAM space in Spring newsletter to feature May 16 workshop info and registration notice.

New Business

Correspondence/Communications:

Amos Lake Email: Chair Brown noted and members discussed email from Amos Lake Association re: possible collaboration among lake associations to address invasive species.

EPA CyanoSymposium 2026: Chair Brown noted and members discussed EPA notice re: CyanoSymposium 2026 scheduled March 16-25.

Members Forum: No further discussion.

Adjournment: With business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 13, 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)