

Coventry Lake Level Policy

Lake Wangumbaug is a 375+-acre-lake more commonly known as Coventry Lake. The Town of Coventry has established desirable water elevations of 91.5' as a winter level (November 15th) and 93.0' as a summer level (April 15th) for the lake. The water elevation is controlled through a sluiceway and dam at the southeast end of the lake. An 1871 court decision requires that a minimum flow of 720 cubic feet per minute (c.f.m.) be kept running through the dam and down Mill Brook for not less than 13 hours a day or as needed. Presently Teleflex, a.k.a. Deknatel Sutures, Inc. (formerly Cullen & Wood Co., one of the original plaintiffs – 1871) uses water from Mill Brook for fire protection and manufacturing.

The desirable water elevations of 93.0' for summer and 91.5' for winter have been established by the Town. A summer elevation of 93.0' allows a boat to go over the rock in the center of the lake known as Elephant's Rock. This water level is also approximately 3 feet above the sand bar near Waterfront Park. A winter elevation of 91.5' allows people to clean and maintain beaches as well as prevents ice damage to lakefront properties.