

Walk on the (Not-So-) Wild Side



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The view across Tiogue Lake from the walking path recently donated to Tiogue Elementary by John Assalone. The path is a mile long and takes hikers in a circle.

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COVENTRY — School Committee member Dave Florio, Coventry School Superintendent Mike Convery and Tiogue Elementary School Principal Louise Seitsinger took a stroll down a hiking path next to the school, which leads

down to the shore of Tiogue Lake.

The mile-long path, which actually makes a circle, is on the five acres of land donated by business owner John Assalone.

Florio, who had walked it before, pointed out its many advantages for the students to open up their learning more.

“This is a great idea because there’s so much we

can do with teaching about nature and the environment,” Seitsinger said. “It makes me think of Walden Pond. There are so many learning opportunities here with the wooded area, the pond area and lake. We could maybe have a picnic table down here and have an outdoor classroom, which

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would be amazing.”

“I think it’s a great thing,” Florio said. “I really have to thank the Tiogue Lake Resident’s Association, the planning commission and John Assalone.”

This land donation was part of the new sewer connection also at Tiogue.