



Watchic Lake Association Newsletter-June 2013

Lake friends,

Thank you for allowing me to be president of the Watchic Lake Association. We have accomplished much in the last few years. The Route 113/Paine Neighborhood project for mitigating water runoff into Watchic Lake and the effects of erosion and pollution was completed. The dam was repaired and the new water flow is helping to improve water quality not only in Watchic but downstream as well. Additionally we are finishing our capital fund drive that has allowed us to accomplish these and other projects. Our thanks to all who have contributed and we encourage those who have not participated to join us now to help preserve and maintain our jewel - Watchic Lake.

The lake association could not achieve any of this without a dedicated board of directors and committee people. We cannot stop as we have more to do in the years ahead to protect the Watchic Lake watershed. You have a lot invested in your property on Watchic Lake and it takes work and money from the Watchic Lake Association to maintain the lake ecosystem. Won't you please join us as a member, make a pledge, or volunteer for a committee to help us become a more proactive lake association.

I thank you for your confidence and support and hope you will join us at the annual meeting and work with your association to protect Watchic Lake.

See you on the lake.

Don Drew, President



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2013-2014

Classes of membership (6):

I. Lake Property Ownership with Deeded Access

1. **Regular Membership:** Each deeded property can hold one Regular Membership and extend a second Regular Membership to an individual who has a relationship to the title holder. This individual may be a spouse, partner/significant other or adult child over 18 years of age; a "Designee" who will have the same rights as a Regular Member.

Name: _____

Name: _____

2013 Annual Fee - \$25 Regular Member and \$25 for Second Member

2. **Lifetime Membership:** Each deeded property can hold one Lifetime Membership and extend a second Lifetime Membership to an individual who has a relationship to the title holder. This individual may be a spouse, partner/ significant other or adult child over 18 years of age; a "Designee" who will have the same rights as a Lifetime Member. Lifetime Membership is nontransferable and is terminated upon the death of the named Lifetime Member.

Name: _____

Name: _____

2013 Lifetime Fee - \$500 one time only fee each Lifetime Deeded Member and \$500 one time only fee for Second Member

3. **Business Entity Membership:** Each deeded property can hold one Business Entity Membership and extend a second Business Entity membership to an individual who has a relationship to the title holder. This individual may be a spouse, partner/significant other or adult child over 18 years of age; a "Designee" who will have the same rights as a Regular Member.

Name: _____

Name: _____

2013 Annual Fee - \$25 each Business Entity Member

Voting rights are limited to the categories 1-3 above. However, in no event shall there be more than two per property and multiple property owners will be restricted to a total of two votes. Entitlement to voting rights will be confirmed by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting.

II. Other

1. **Business Entity Members** (without deeded lake access)

Name: _____
2012 Annual Fee - \$25 each Business Entity Member
(over)

2. **Friends of Watchic Lake / Associate Members**

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

2013 Annual Fee - \$25 each Friend or Associate Member

3. **Junior Members** (ages 6-18) Certificates will be presented at annual WLA meeting

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

2013 Annual Fee - \$5 each Junior Member

Lake physical address: _____ (if applicable) Map
_____ Lot # _____ (if known)
(road)

E-mail address: _____

Winter mailing address:

Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code _____
Phone: _____

Summer mailing address: (if different from winter address)

Street: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Phone: _____

Comments and/or Concerns:

Would you prefer to receive your newsletters via e-mail? Please circle: Yes No

Please mail this form with payment by June 1, 2013 to:

Robert C. Joslyn, Treasurer
Watchic Lake Association
P.O. Box 319
Standish, ME 04084

Please follow our website- www.watchiclake.org – for updates and information throughout the year.

Membership information will be used only for WLA mailings and WLA business.

Welcome neighbors!

The Watchic Lake Association wishes to welcome all new property owners. We encourage you to feel free to contact any board member with questions or any kind of assistance needed. Also we invite you to become an active member of the WLA. We hope you will enjoy your new home and all the seasons on this little “jewel” as other residents do.



SAVE THE DATE!

- This year the WLA annual meeting is Saturday July 13, 2013 at 9a.m. and will be held at the Standish Town Hall Community Room. Coffee, doughnuts and muffins will be available.

JUST A LITTLE GOSSIP!

- Over the winter Tom West of Eleanor Ave had a major fire. His home was a total loss. The good news is that no one was injured. Thank God!
- Most of the ice went out around the 9th of April and the loons returned the next day.
- There have been quite a few changes in ownership around the lake.
- David & Eileen Burnell received the Lake Smart award for 2012-2013

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR WLA BOARD MEMBERS!

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| ▪ Donald Drew, President | 756-4261 |
| ▪ Patty Guenthner, President elect | 642-1210 |
| ▪ Bob Joslyn, Treasurer | 450-4928 |
| ▪ Patty Taylor, Secretary | 449-1733 |

JUST FOR FUN!

- Did you know that during World War II we had a suspected German spy living on Watchic Lake? Can you guess which house he lived in?
Come to the annual meeting with your guess and you could win a prize.
- During a “gathering” our loons will leave their babies and spend the days with the visiting loons. Do you know why? Come to the annual meeting with your guess and you could win a prize.

Watchic Lake Association
Capital Fund Drive Update

Property Owner Pledges (excluding Paine Neighborhood)	\$172,500
Property Owner Pledges Paine Neighborhood	<u>31,500</u>
Total	\$204,000

Town of Standish Contribution – Paine Neighborhood Project \$ 20,000
Budgeted for 2013
5,000

Grant from Davis Foundation – Paine Neighborhood Project 10,000

Key Statistics/Information:

- Number of property owner contributors 101
- Average contribution \$2,023
- Several multiple property owner pledges involving both Capital Fund and Paine Neighborhood
- Several original contributors voluntarily donated additional contributions in subsequent years
- Established line of credit backed by four property owners totaling \$40,000
- Very successful 2010 fund drive with poor results in 2011 as well as 2012
- Less than 50% of property owners have made pledges
- Pledges need to be honored
- Capital Fund Drive on an active basis has been completed
- Capital Fund now established will be open to receiving pledges and contributions at any time
- Estate planning is an excellent vehicle for bequests and some have already planned for this
- Everyone has responsibilities when the actions that must be taken impact the lake or the watershed. The board would like to see participation rates move up to the 75% range.

For more information, please feel free to contact Steve Center, CFD Chair (730-2261 or steve@centervale.com) or Steve Rines , CFD Treasurer (839-2383 or srines1@maine.rr.com).

WATCHIC LAKE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE – 2011-2012

(Report Date-1/31/13)

MEMBERS: Bob Joslyn (Chair)

Steve Bradbury

Eben Joslyn

Mission:

To protect and preserve the water quality of Watchic Lake and the Watchic Lake watershed area

Accomplishments:

Samples were collected in the Spring and Fall of 2012 and submitted to Katahdin Labs for independent analysis. Overall test results showed that the water was in very good condition at the time the tests were performed. Findings were consistent with those taken in prior years. Detailed test results from the Spring testing were compiled and presented at the annual meeting on July 14, 2012.

Secchi disk readings were taken numerous times throughout the year and indicated that water clarity continued to be well above average.

Test results have been compiled and plans are being made to add them to the WLA website so that results may be reviewed online.

Objectives for 2012-2013

To continue testing on a regular basis to ensure that the quality of the water is not being compromised.

To identify additional individuals willing to participate in sample collection, testing, and the ongoing education of all property owners to help us in our efforts to preserve the water quality of Watchic Lake.

To encourage increased participation in the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP).

To provide test results and provide a gateway for concerned property owners to voice concerns and share ideas through the WLA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Joslyn



THE VIEW FROM MY DOCK

By Bob Joslyn

4/15/13

It must be spring. The Cabelas Spring edition arrived along with the Victoria's Secret catalogue. My wife recommended that I take a look at the fishing tackle. When I asked her why, she suggested that I stick to those things I know about.

Hard to believe it has been six years since I last made an attempt at sharing my "views" on things. (At least in writing!) Life sometimes has a way of getting in the way of things we really want to do.

As most of you know, during the past few years, the dam has been rebuilt and serious drainage problems on Rt. 113 have been addressed. Both of these projects were necessary to protect our lake and the entire watershed area. As a result, water quality remains high, the fishing is very good, and property values are once again on the rise.

While standing on my dock, I realize that other risks and challenges lie ahead. The threats of milfoil and pollution remain very real. Apathy and indifference on the parts of many property owners, though not as apparent, also put our lake at great risk.

To those of you who have donated your time and your money to support the efforts of the WLA in protecting our lake, thank you. To those of you who have yet to step up and share in these efforts, now is the time to do what is right to protect our lake for future generations.

See you on the lake,

Bob



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE YEARLY REPORT 2012

- 1. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE consists of the following members: Patty Center, Bob Joslyn, Patty Guenthner(chair)**
- 2. We had a goal this year 2012 of increasing our membership by at least 15%. We have met that goal thru outreach to new property owners with mailings and personal contact. We have several properties that have new ownership and our goal is to stay on top of these new transfers in ownership.**
- 3. Bob has made it a point to sure up our mailing list so that returns do not continue to comeback because of incorrect addresses. Recently Brenda Gerardo of road 6 passed her latest mailing list along to us so that should be a big help. We will continue to work on updating the list as necessary.**
- 4. The membership form will continue to be available on the website and will also be mailed out in the spring.**
- 5. The focus for 2013 will continue to be outreach to gain more participation from property owners.**

**Respectfully Submitted
Patty Guenthner**



Boat Launch News on Hi Vu Drive

The boat launch is still available for use by Watchic Lake property owners and their renters. Some notable changes this year for everyone's review are mentioned below.

Our faithful friend, Hi Vu Drive board member and gate tender Dick Smith has moved. We are all going to miss him and all that he contributed to the road and boat launch. The importance of this for those not living on Hi Vu Drive is that there will **NOT** be someone as accessible to assist unlocking the gate at a moments' notice. Now more than ever **it is necessary to call ahead**. Preferably **24-48 hours** is ideal. For people other than Hi Vu Drive residence, the use of the boat launch is a **courtesy** extended to other property owners around the lake. Please remember that the keeping of the gate is strictly a **volunteer position** and most of those that have a key are working full time. Also, summertime is a busy time for family, friends and various events that could make any or all of us unreachable at short notice. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs but we ask that in return that you be respectful of our needs as well. The fee is \$15.00 this year and that allows everyone the putting in and taking out as many times as required providing it is not abused and is at a reasonable hour. Checks can be made payable to ***Hi Vu Drive Maintenance***.

Also as a reminder that the boat and trailers need to be clean and free of any plant life. Milfoil can live out of water for a week or more. Please help us keep our lake free of aquatic plant life.

People to call in order:

John or Brenda Gerardo	615-9165 / 615-1119
Henry or Pauline Raymond	522-8329/ 522-9044
Tom Perry	415-9173
Melinda Dorr	642-1075

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