

### To our Friends and Supporters On and Around the Lake,

It's hard to believe that spring is here and feeling like summer! It was a long cold winter and we are all ready to enjoy some time at the lake.

### Membership – Your Support Helps You and the Lake

The response so far to our March mailing has been quite good, with many new members signing up. But nearly 60% of the properties on the lake are not yet members. Membership helps fund the work needed to maintain the quality of water and life on the lake. Some WLA activities include:

- Sample and report on lake water quality annually, and address problems should they arise.
- Manage and maintain the dam and the lake water level, which creates a better nesting environment for the loons, protects the shoreline from erosion, and helps maintain property values.
- Survey the lake for invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil, and take action if issues are spotted.
- Work with the Town of Standish, the Maine DEP, and property owners to address watershed issues.



Beyond quality of life, a clean and invasive-free lake is known to increase property values by thousands of dollars.

**Please take a moment and complete and return the enclosed membership form.**

### Watchic Lake Survey

As of late May, nearly 80 people have responded to the survey, with 35 making extensive comments. The feedback contains some good guidance for WLA Board and our members; areas where we need to focus and the types of education we need to do. We'll go over the details at the Annual Meeting and post the presentation on our website. If you would like to complete a survey visit <http://watchiclake.org/the-association/2015-wla-survey/>

### Watchic Lake Association Annual Meeting – July 11

Please join us at Standish Town Hall on Saturday July 11 at 9:30 am. We will review the past year, discuss the survey results, present our plan for the coming year, provide a financial update, and vote on new officers and board members.

### Water Quality

The 2014-2015 winter brought record snowfall totals to much of southern New England; however, snowfall amounts in the Watchic Lake watershed were consistent with what may be considered a "normal" winter. More recently we have had little rain, which has helped maintain water clarity. But being New England, we are sure to get more rain, and it remains important for waterfront land owners to monitor the condition of their property and identify areas where run-off remediation can be made. Water quality sampling will be performed in June 2015, and reported at the annual meeting.

### Invasive Management – Recent Scare

Members of the Watchic Lake Association regularly check for invasive plants when they are out on the lake (many are Maine certified). In September we got a bit of scare when the volunteers found what they thought was Eurasian Milfoil. After testing by the Portland Water District, it was found to be "Sago Pondweed", a native plant which is a good source of food for waterfowl.

This serves as a reminder to all of us to always remove all plants from our canoes, kayaks, boats, trailer, oars/paddles, fishing gear, and anchors when going in and out of a body of water. Dispose of any plants in the trash – not onto the ground.

### The Loons

There appear to be three nesting pairs of loons on the lake. This is consistent with past years. More information on the conditions of the loons and their chicks will be provided on our website and at the annual meeting.

Spring with summer-like weather is finally here. Enjoy your time on the lake and I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Standish Town Hall Council Chambers.

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Patty Guenther

## 2015/2016 Members (as of 5/29/2015)

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**Thank you** to all our members, friends, and supporters.

Andrew Acampora	Martha Drew	William Marsh	David Rutter
Margaret Acampora	Nancy Emerson	Carl Martenson	David Sanborn
Edward Asali	Leslie English	Stephanie Cloutier-Martuza	Jayne Sanborn
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Sheila Bard	Rick Green	Maynard Meserve	Clarke Smith
Jay Barta	John Guenther	Gerard Morin	Kristen Smith
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John Blake	Wendy Harlan	Pamela Mosley	Owen Smith
Scott Blake	Judith Harris	George Mosley	Leigh-Page Smith
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Eileen Burnell	Freda Hobbs	Eric Packer	Lee Tuladbar
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