

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

It's hard to believe that summer is here and the Fourth of July is right around the corner!

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

The response so far to our April mailing has been very strong, with many new members signing up. Membership helps fund the work needed to maintain the quality of water and life on the lake. **If you have not already, please take a moment to complete and return the [enclosed form](#).**



### Watchic Lake Association Annual Meeting – July 9

Please join us for our [annual meeting](#), Saturday July 9, 2016 at the Congregational Church in Standish. The meeting will begin with a [silent auction and raffle](#), followed by dinner and then WLA annual business meeting. We will review our recent "Risk Assessment Report, past year activities, present our thoughts for the coming year, provide a financial update, and vote on new officers and board members.



- 4:00 pm - Silent Auction, Kayak Raffle, and 50/50 Raffle, and a chance to mix with other WLA members.
- 5:00 pm - Lasagna dinner with salad, rolls, desert, and drinks prepared by the Church
- 6:00 pm - Auction and Raffle results announced
- 6:15 pm - Forrest Bell of FB Environmental will review his analysis of Watchic Lake and recommended actions.
- 6:45 pm – Watchic Lake Association Business Meeting
- 7:30 pm – Close

For dinner, raffle tickets, and membership, please fill out and return the [attached form](#).

### Increased Metaphyton Risk on Watchic Lake



Metaphyton is a term used to collectively characterize filamentous (stringy) algae that grow predominantly in shallow (littoral) and warmer areas in lakes and ponds. From the Maine VLMP "recent observations and inquiries from both volunteers and professionals suggests that metaphyton growth may be increasing in some Maine lakes".

As you can see from the picture on the left, metaphyton, after an unusually warm winter (with earliest ice-out we've seen on the lake) is present in Watchic Lake. Metaphyton is not an invasive species, but can create an unpleasant lake environment for swimming, boating, and fishing. Though the exact cause and effect of the metaphyton growth has not yet been determined, factors such as groundwater runoff containing phosphorus and nitrogen have been found to aid in the growth of other types of algal blooms.

Help us reduce the growth of metaphyton in Watchic Lake by:

- Avoid using fertilizer. If you must fertilize, avoid products containing nitrogen and phosphorus.
- Stop ground water runoff into the lake by planting vegetated buffers along the shoreline
- Divert runoff from roads and driveways to wooded areas.

WLA volunteers will participate in a new VLMP effort to gather metaphyton information.

### LakeSmart – Watchic Lake Achieves Gold Status!

We are thrilled to report that with eight new LakeSmart properties on our lake, we have met Maine Lakes Society targets for their prestigious Gold Award. With over 15% of properties with LakeSmart awards, Watchic Lake is the first lake in Southern Maine to have achieved this award.

Thank you to all the property owners who have invested time, effort, and money to create a property that reduces runoff and otherwise protects the lake.



### The Loons

Overall there appear to be three pairs of loons on the lake, with one nesting pair settling in on Middle Island and another pair on Big Island. This is consistent with past years. One pair has ventured up Paine Brook two or three times in the past couple of weeks and played around on an old nest from two years ago but no takers to date! 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Congregational Church in Standish.

## Paul

Paul McNulty, President

### 2016/2017 Members (as of 6/15/2016)

Andrew J. Acampora	John T. Rines, Trust	Carl Marean	Patricia Taylor
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