

We hope this spring greeting finds you, and your family and friends well. After a long cold winter we are looking forward to hosting family and friends here on the lake. Over the past year WLA volunteers have continued to manage and maintain the dam, monitor water quality and invasives, and address other issues as they come up.

The latest information the progress of the DEP section 319 grant projects, the loons, social events, and more are continually updated on our website – www.watchiclake.org

2022 Annual Meeting – July 9 at Standish Town Hall

With the COVID-19 situation improving in the state of Maine, we will hold our first in person annual meeting in two years. The meeting will be held on Saturday July 9, 2022 at 9:00 am. Like previous meetings, we will provide an update on water quality, the 2020 Watershed Protection Plan, the loons, offer tips on lake friendly shoreline vegetation, and give members an opportunity to comment and vote on board positions.

Silent Auction: this year we are thrilled to offer members a chance to bid on and win **family photo session** by local professional photographer, Stacey Kane.



You can also check our website for more details on the Silent Auction and more at [Annual Meeting Section](#), including Draft Minutes from the 2021 Meeting which will be approved at our 2022 meeting

Membership and Donations 2022

Thank you to the many members that have recently joined or renewed. If you have not already, we encourage you to join the association. Your support helps fund water quality testing, dam maintenance, invasive plant mitigation, and securing grants for lake property owners and road associations.

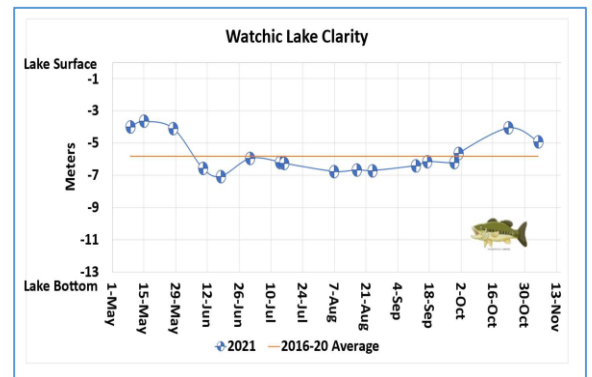
Membership info can be found in the enclosed return envelope or our website under [Membership menu](#) item.

Every little bit helps, use [Hannaford Clynk](#) or [Amazon Smile](#) to make donations to the WLA with every transaction.

Water Quality

Based on the findings contained in the [2021 Watchic Lake Water Quality Report](#), the water quality of Watchic Lake remains good, and is substantially unchanged from data collected over the previous 5 years (2016-2020), and from data back to the 1970's. Specifically, water clarity and total phosphorus levels are consistent with previous years and consistent with other Maine lakes like ours.

Please visit the [water quality section](#) of our website for details.



The Dam

The dam gate installed in 2015 continues to operate well. Minor repairs to the cement were made this spring. The dam was closed 3/28/2022 one day after Ice Out. The dam was opened for the winter on 11/2/2021. AS of mid-June, the dam was maintaining the lake at full pond. Dam details can be found on our website.

New Maine Environmental Regulations

Several new Maine regulations relating to lakes and boating were approved in the past year. For example, Maine Bill LD1663 creates a mandatory boating safety course requirement for individuals born after January 1, 2002 for the operation of motorboats propelled by machinery over 10 horsepower beginning January 1, 2023. More details can be found on our website.

Contact Paul McNulty at p3mcnulty@gmail.com if you want to learn more about any these or other lake related topics.

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