



Watchic Lake Association

Annual Member Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2021

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held online, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Owen Smith at 10:02 a.m. A certificate of mailing was filed with the secretary, with the meeting notice mailed and emailed on June 2, 2021. A quorum was established with 28 members present.

Owen introduced the PowerPoint presentation and summarized the work directed by the board and various committees over the past year. He noted that our biggest challenge continues to be mitigating runoff into the lake.

Cathy Watson, Water Quality Committee chair, spoke about monitoring water quality, noting that lake quality has stayed about the same over the past 40 plus years.

Steve Lajoie, Environmental Committee chair, spoke about the 2020 annual plant inventory which has identified 23 native aquatic species in the lake. There were no invasive species found in the 2020 inventory. Steve stressed the importance of making sure that boats, planes, and fishing gear should be clean before going into the lake. This year's inventory will be on August 21; information will be posted on the association website. Kim Lajoie gave an update on loons on the lake, noting that we have no nesting pairs this year, but up to ten "teen-age" loons summering on the lake. The statewide loon count will be on July 17, 2021, from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.; information is on the website.

Martha Drew, chair of the LakeSmart Committee, presented awards to Nancy and Michael Smyth and Donal Drew. A homeowner survey, the first step in the LakeSmart process, is available on the website.

Terry Babcock, chair of the Education Committee, noted a boating safety course offered by the association in June (18 attendees) and several new items posted to the website, including a welcome packet for new owners and a brochure on loons. The association has also contributed information to a new signboard put up at the boat launch by the Hi-Vu Road Association.

Paul McNulty presented a update on the Section 319 DEP grant, which was put together by FBE. Work to be done under the grant includes culvert repairs, runoff mitigation on some of the roads around the lake, and runoff mitigation on six lakefront properties. Matching funds and labor will be provided by the Town of Standish, the Watchic Lake Association, and individuals, with work to be done in 2021 and 2022.

As Membership Chair, Paul McNulty reviewed membership numbers for this year. Membership is down slightly, possibly an effect of the pandemic. Two social events have been planned to encourage new members. A "Meet Your Neighbors Night" will be held at the Outpost Restaurant on August 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the Ice Cream Boat is back, to delivery free ice cream cups around the lake on August 31.

Stacey Kane announced showed samples of some of the items available at the on-line store for lake items. A link to the store is available on the association website and all sales support the lake.

Bob Babcock, Dam Committee Chair, reported that on about July 10, the lake reached full pond for the first time since the dam was closed after ice-out. The dam will be opened to lower the lake around November 1 and some minor repairs will be made at that time.

Treasurer Agnes Wiggin reviewed the financial reports for the year ending June 30, 2021, which are available on the website

After thanking David Maus for his service on the board, Martha Drew presented the proposed nominations - to the board for three years: Kim Lajoie and Nancy McNulty; for officers for two years: Paul McNulty, President;

Steve Lajoie, Vice-President; Nancy McNulty, Historian. All nominations were approved unanimously. The minutes of the July 11, 2020, annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Kim Lajoie presented the Unsung Hero award to Donal Drew, for his years of service on the board, as a two-time past president, and for his on-going work on committees. Don carries a wealth of historical information and continues to volunteer for plant inventories and loon counts. He's always ready to lend a hand and is frequently called upon for his expertise.

During the question and answer period, the WLA board addressed issues regarding wakes and other volunteering opportunities.

The meeting concluded at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Drew
Secretary, Watchic Lake Association