



**Watchic Lake Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022, via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. A quorum was established with 11 directors present; Stacey Kane was absent.

Minutes of the August 25, 2022, meeting were approved by consent, as presented.

The **September treasurers report** was not available and will be circulated by Agnes via email for comments.

Annual Project Inspections: Owen Smith reported that the inspections for Roads 4 and 6 were complete, with no problems found. Don Drew will be inspecting the five properties associated with the Rt. 113 water remediation project.

Committee Assignments: Discussed and final committee assignments made.

Boat Inspections: Several property owners raised concerns regarding whether boats were checked for invasive plants as they entered the lake for a recent fishing derby. Owen Smith noted that 12 of the 15 boats in the derby entered the lake at the Road 6 boat launch and were inspected. It is unclear if or how the other three boats were inspected.

David and Eileen Burnell offered several suggestions on we might better educate and encourage "courtesy boat inspections" (to check for any plant-life and ME registration stickers) for all boats entering the lake. It was unclear how the folks at Dorothy Drive and private landowners manage boat inspections. Steve Lajoie will have the Environmental Committee recommend a program that among other things, would make certified inspectors available for inspections. The group agreed that Spring 2023 would be a good time to launch a "courtesy boat inspections" program.

Invasive Plants: The Burnell's had discovered a plant that they couldn't initially identify in the Page Brook inlet, but after further checking believe its common bladderwort. Paul suggested they take their sample to Nate Whalen, Water Resource Specialist at Portland Water District's environmental center on Rt. 35. He can be contacted at nwhalen@pwd.org and (207) 774-5961 Ext. 3338.

DEP Grant Projects: Paul reported that work on Watchic Road 3, Watchic Road 15, Dolloff Rd, and Hi-Vu beach access is complete. Work at Kiwanis Beach is essentially done. Two residential projects are complete, one is aiming to complete work by end of October, and two have been cancelled. Work not completed and approved by the DEP by December 31, 2022, will not be eligible for grant reimbursement. Paul also noted a press release has been posted to our website.

Membership: Paul reported members are at 154, and member properties are at 105, both of which is less than last year on December 31, but higher than our past few years average.

LakeSmart: Martha reported one property evaluated. Maine Lakes has asked that the property owner add some additional plants of various heights to the buffer area. If the owner does that, the award can be presented.

Dam: Owen reported current water level about 2" below full pond. He invited others to observe how the dam is opened, when it is done around Nov. 1. Martha mentioned that it has been about 10 years since the dam building was last stained and it may be time to do it again to protect the wood.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:30 pm.

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