

Watchic Lake Association Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum was established with 9 directors present; Agnes Wiggin, Owen Smith, and Steve Lajoie were absent.

Minutes of the October 6, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

Annual Project Inspections: The Route 113 water remediation project inspections have been completed with only minor maintenance needed at a couple of sites. Copies of these reports have been sent to the property owners. Reviews on the work done on Watchic Roads 3 and 15, under the DEP grant, will be included in the annual inspections next year.

Boat Inspections: As background, several property owners raised concerns regarding whether boats were checked for invasive plants as they entered the lake for a fishing derby in September. Rob reported that meetings on courtesy boat inspections have begun, with the aim of being able to provide training for boat inspections in the spring.

DEP Grant Projects: This DEP Section 319 grant projects must wrap up by 12/31/2022. Paul submitted a draft of the final report for this project to Maine Dep for review. Projects at four roads and four residential properties have been completed. As evidence of support of these projects' road associations and private property owners opted to spend above the DEP required amounts. WLA spending was within budget. Paul reported that, due to these projects, an estimated 2.33 tons of sediment and 1.99 pounds of phosphorus will be prevented from washing into Watchic Lake each year.

Water Quality: Cathy noted that she has received the final chemical data report for this season and everything looks good. **Cathy** will send a brief water quality report to Paul by December 20, to be included in year-end newsletter.

Lynne and Mike Roughton Membership Request: Lynne and Michael Roughton are the owners of property at 221 Pequawket Trail, which is included in the Rt. 113 water remediation project done by the WLA in 2011. The Roughtons requested regular voting membership in the association since they have an avid interest in the lake because of their maintenance of the WLA-installed berm on their property. The board approved their request, as allowed in the WLA By-Laws, noting that in general owners of property included in a WLA remediation project, who agrees to support the WLA in maintaining the project, will be eligible for regular membership in the association.

2023 Events Calendar: Chris offered to work with Steve to start pulling together the calendar of events for next year.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 7:05 pm.

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