



**Watchic Lake Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2023, via Zoom**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Paul McNulty. A quorum was established. Minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting were approved by consent, as presented.

Long Range Planning: Rick and Rob presented an analysis of their study of the need for a Long Range Planning Committee. Included was an analysis of WLA strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and a suggestion that the board and possibly each of the committees should go through a similar analysis to determine the need for a Long Range Committee. **Rick and Rob** prepare a recommendation for next steps for the next board meeting.

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. Steve is working with Dave and Eileen Burnell, to get volunteers and training, with a full expectation to have this in place for spring.

DEP Grant Projects: Project complete!! Kudos to Paul and Dave Bradbury for all the work they put into this project. It was noted \$16,400 was budgeted by the WLA for this and we currently stand at \$16,100, with one open invoice. An estimated 2.33 tons of sediment and 1.99 pounds of phosphorus will be prevented from washing into Watchic Lake each year.

Education: In addition to runoff remediation/vegetation a primary focus of this committee will be septic systems this year. Nancy suggested that WLA create our own grant program to help people with the cost of septic pumping and include an environmental sciences speaker at the annual meeting. Stacey suggested we might get a septic pumping service to offer discounts to WLA members. **Nancy and Education Committee** will develop a proposal for a septic pumping grant program.

Membership: Paul reported membership at the end of the calendar year at 162 people, representing 111 properties.

Dam: After inspecting the dam building, Owen determined that it should be stained. He will have color samples for the next board meeting. Otherwise the dam is working well.

Fundraising: Membership dues cover only a portion of our ongoing expenses. Other fund raising activities augment due. Martha reported on a number of fund raising ideas including a Watchic Lake calendar, a Watchic Lake cookbook, a raffle with donated prizes, increase use of Hannaford Clynk bags, a bean supper, additional social events. Various board members will look further into these ideas.

Members Attending Board Meetings: After discussion, it was agreed that we should post the next meeting date (April 12) on the website and have any member interested in attending contact us for more information.

2023 Events Calendar: To help WLA members plan their summer, Chris offered a preliminary calendar of events on the lake. Chris will continue to update the events calendar as dates firm up and more events are added

Annual Meeting: The annual member meeting this year will be on July 8 at Standish Town Hall

Nominating Committee: Paul appointed Owen to be chair of the nominating committee and Martha as a member of the committee. Agnes suggested a series of informal get-togethers at board member homes, inviting board members and potential board members. Most like the idea and will discuss further at the next meeting.

2023-2024 Operating Budget: Agnes asked that all budget requests be submitted to her by March 15.

The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:05 pm.