



**Watchic Lake Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting Summary  
April 12, 2023, via Zoom**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Paul McNulty. A quorum was established. Minutes of the February 15, 2023, were approved by consent.

**March 31 Treasurer's reports** were reviewed. Agnes noted \$40,000 had been moved into a Fidelity money market account to secure better interest. Proposed FY24 operating budgets were discussed and will be confirmed at our next meeting.

**Long Range Planning:** Rick and Rob led a discussion of WLA strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Most areas of operations were felt to be doing well. However broadening board membership and further engaging property owners were felt to be areas that need focus. **Rick and Rob** will summarize the results and next steps for a future 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 last year. A suggestion was made to offer voluntary boat inspections at each boat launch. Volunteers to be trained are being recruited. Maine boat inspection classes are planned for May. **Steve** working with Dave and Eileen Burnell will communicate training plans. Hi-Vu Road Assoc is planning to ensure that anyone managing boat launches at the Hi-Vu launch is a certified boat inspector.

**2023 Events Calendar:** To help WLA members plan their summer, Chris offered a calendar of agreed events on the lake. Paul will update the WLA website accordingly.

**Education:** In addition to runoff remediation/vegetation a primary focus of this committee will be septic systems this year. The idea of developing a program to share costs with homeowners for septic system cleaning and inspections, and LakeSmart focused maintenance was discussed. **Paul** will check with DEP to see if there are any programs or grants to encourage septic system maintenance. **Paul** will also see if a septic cleaning company would give a discount to WLA members.

**Membership:** Newsletters will begin in May.

**Dam:** The dam was closed on April 5<sup>th</sup>, with ice out on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Nominating Committee:** Owen presented the names of several candidates. These candidates will be contacted to confirm their interest in serving and to see if they can meet with members of the board. The following officer positions are open: President (2 year), Vice President (2 year), Secretary (1 year, balance of term).

**The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:00 pm.**

**Rt 113 System.** While not noted in the agenda, a landowner with property on the Rt 113 runoff remediation system recently raised concerns about excessive runoff and significant "green slime" parallel to Watchic Rd 7. WLA volunteers have gathered samples for evaluation after recent heavy rains.