

We hope this spring greeting finds you, and your family and friends well. After a long winter and wet spring, we are looking forward to hosting family and friends here on the lake. Over the past year WLA volunteers have continued to manage and maintain the dam, monitor water quality and invasives, monitor the loons, and address other issues as they come up.

Want to help the lake and guide what the WLA does? Let me if you'd like to volunteer or join the board.

2023 Annual Meeting – July 8 at Standish Town Hall

Mark your calendars - we will hold our annual meeting on Saturday July 8, 2023 at 9:00 am at Standish Town Hall. Like previous meetings, we will provide an update on water quality, final report on the 2020 Watershed Protection Plan and DEP Matching Grant, offer tips on lake friendly shoreline vegetation, and give members an opportunity to comment and vote on board positions. This year we are fortunate to have Jim Paruk, a noted loon expert and author, as a speaker at the meeting to teach us more about the loons of Maine and how to help protect them.

You can also check our website for more details at the Annual Meeting Section, including Draft Minutes from the 2022 Meeting, which will be approved at our 2023 meeting.

Membership and Donations 2023

Thank you to the many members that have recently joined or renewed. If you have not already, we encourage you to join the association. Your support helps fund water quality testing, dam maintenance, invasive plant mitigation, and securing grants for lake property owners and road associations.

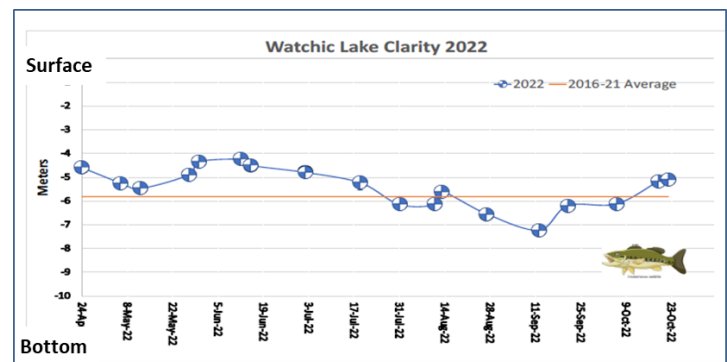
Membership info can be found in the enclosed return envelope or our website under [Membership menu](#) item.

Every little bit helps, use [Hannaford Clynk](#) to make donations to the WLA with every bottle or can you return. WLA Clynk bag tags are now available at Standish Town Hall.

Water Quality 2022

Based on the findings contained in the [2022 Watchic Lake Water Quality Report](#), the water quality of Watchic Lake remains good, and is substantially unchanged from data collected over the previous 6 years (2016-2021), and from data back to the 1970's. Specifically, water clarity and total phosphorus levels are consistent with previous years and consistent with other Maine lakes like ours.

Please visit the [water quality section](#) of our website for details.



The Dam

WLA volunteers have been checking the dam regularly after the heavy spring rains and in preparation for upcoming rains. As of June 4, water level at the dam was at about full pond, and the gate was opened slightly due to the coming rains. As always, volunteers will continue to monitor weather and the water level over the coming weeks and adjust the dam as needed to be within a few inches of full pond. Please keep in mind that water level observations will vary significantly around the lake due to differing wind conditions. Mother Nature and managing the water level of a 450-acre lake via a 10 foot wide dam gate is an inexact science – your understanding is appreciated.

Contact Paul McNulty at p3mcnulty@gmail.com if you want to learn more about any these or other lake related topics.

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