



**Watchic Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Summary**  
**June 16, 2023 at Cathy Watson's House and via Zoom**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Paul McNulty. A quorum was established with ten directors present. Minutes of the May 17, 2023, were approved by consent. Treasurer's Reports from April and May 2023 were presented.

**Long Range Planning: Rick and Rob** will summarize the results and next steps at our July meeting.

**Boat Inspections:** Kiwanis' Veteran's Bass fishing day will be June 23. Like last year, boats put in at Hi-Vu Boat launch will be inspected by the now trained Watchic lake inspectors. Further info on boat inspections will be presented at the WLA Annual Meeting.

**Education:** Nancy reported that two properties have agreed to host garden tours, with a third TBD. Target is to hold tours in July, August, and September.

**Membership:** Email newsletters were sent out. Paul reported 67 members so far.

**Loons:** Steve reported there are 2 loon pairs on the lake. One nesting on Middle Island and one in the south end (perhaps looking at Big Island for nest).

**Annual Meeting:** The annual member meeting this year will be on July 8 at Standish Town Hall. James Paruk, the loon authority from Gorham, will speak at the meeting. There will be a \$50 charge for his talk. He will bring copies of his book to purchase. Various WLA Board Members will provide content, etc. for the meeting.

**2023-2024 Operating Budget:** Agnes worked with committee chairs and last year's budget to update the proposed operating budget for 2023-2024. Cathy asked about proposed website changes (to avoid email blacklists and improve online payments). These should be covered in the agreed budget.

**Nominating Committee:** Several people have expressed an interest in joining the board. All were felt to be good candidates for WLA members to vote on at the annual meeting. If we cannot fill the four open board positions, Owen has agreed to stay on for an additional year. Final nominees will be agreed at the June 29 meeting.

**Rt 113 System.** After recent heavy rains, it was decided that a walkthrough of the system was needed to determine if it needs modification. Members of the WLA met with homeowners on June 4th to review the system. How the system worked was explained as we walked the entire system. Key take homes:

- System seems to be working as designed.
- Better communication between WLA and homeowners needed
- Homeowners were unclear of their responsibility and WLA's
- One property owner feels strongly that a grate be installed on a culvert
- Repairs to end of system (rip rap mostly) needed
- Berms installed on neighboring property is affecting water flow to the south (not part of the Rt 113 system)

The WLA met on June 16 to discuss and agree next steps.

- Set up follow up meeting with homeowners
- Document and agree maintenance responsibilities between homeowners and the WLA
- Board needs to follow up with homeowner on issues from annual inspections
- Engage a third party engineer to present pros/cons of a culvert grate
- Gather costs to replace riprap to bring system back to what was approved by DEP in 2011.

**Annual Project Inspections:** These were performed and reports submitted.

**LakeSmart:** two volunteers have signed up to attend training on June 29 to become certified LakeSmart evaluators.

**Dam:** Owen reported that the dam was closed on June 8th and was 1-2" above full pond today (June 16). The dam was opened today (June 16) in anticipation of the weekend's rainstorm. The dam will be painted this year. Owen will propose a "Dam Tour" at the annual meeting.

**Social Events**

- June 14 Social Event: About 25 people attended the Outpost. Good discussions
- Ice Cream Boat: Paul and Owen suggested moving date to 19-Aug and it be announced at Annual Meeting
- July 19 Social Event: Planned at the Outpost.

**The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:20 pm.**