



**Watchic Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Summary**  
**June 27, 2023 at Paul and Nancy's Camp 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 eleven directors present. Minutes of the June 29, 2023, were approved by consent. Treasurer's Report will be reviewed after the end of the month.

**New Board Members introduced themselves.** New members were reminded of three items: 1) board members represent the association and what's best for the lake (not themselves). 2) When speaking to members be careful to differentiate when speaking for yourself vs the association. 3) Spending outside what we agree on in our budgets should be reviewed and approved by the board.

**Long Range Planning:** Rick and Rob presented their thoughts noting that our biggest weaknesses are recruiting and growing board members and communicating. Rob and Rick suggested a review of board member needs and how best to involve new potential member and will follow up at a future meeting.

**Environmental – Invasive Focus.** Steve Lajoie is planning the August 5 Plant Inventory Day. Bill informed us that the boat launch at Dorothy Drive is now locked, and he is organizing courtesy boat inspections. Some WLA members have requested "Clean your boat" signs to encourage renters to remove all plant matter before going into the lake. We will look into signs for this request.

**Education:** Nancy reported that two properties have agreed to host garden tours on August 6<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate lake-friendly landscaping.

**Social Events:** Owen noted that the July 19 Social Event was well attended (20), however generally the same people (there was one new couple). We agreed that August 30 will be our next Outpost event. August 20 will be the Ice Cream boat. Paul will note on our website and upcoming newsletter. A variety of other ideas for events on the lake were discussed and will be reviewed at upcoming meetings.

**Membership:** Paul noted that we have 151 members at 101 properties as of July 27. This is very close to the end of year 2023 membership (so on a good track)

**Rt 113 Runoff Remediation System.** After the heavy rains this spring, it was decided that a walkthrough of the system was needed to determine if it needs modification. Members of the WLA met with homeowners to review the system. How the system worked was explained as we walked the entire system. Since that meeting:

- Cumberland County Soil and Water Engineer has evaluated the culvert intake on Watchic Road 7 and suggests a trash guard.
- The WLA is securing quotes from a local contractor to replace lost riprap to meet the original DEP specs. Before any work is done, we'll review with property owners regarding access to the work site.
- The WLA is developing clearer maintenance plans for the property owners, as well as responsibilities of the WLA.
- Next steps will be to update the property owners on the status, review costs and plans with the board, and then meet with the property owners.

**Annual Project Inspections:** Two WLA co-funded projects are left to be reviewed, which Owen is organizing.

**Dam:** Owen reported that the July 22 Dam Tour was successful with 16 people attending. Given the heavy rains, the lake level is checked regularly at the dam, and adjusted as needed. Dam Building Maintenance is being managed by Owen and planned for either Sept 9 or 16.

**The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:30 pm.**