

Watson Pond Lake Management Committee Minutes, July 1, 2012

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Next Meeting
Sunday Sept. 2, 2012
11 a.m. on West Beach

WPA Picnic

To be announced

Watson Pond Website
www.watsonpondassociation.org

Meeting Attendees: Suzanne & Peter Hughes, Craig & Chris Tighe, Craig Drenga, Bev & Al Bridges, Alicia Dunaj, Jay LaBonte, Mel & Beverly Schnoll & Bob Luckhardt, Peg Huebner.

Meeting brought to order: 11:45 AM

Future Minutes:

In order to save costs, we would like to e-mail future newsletters. If you are currently receiving a paper copy via US Mail; and have an e-mail address, please contact Alicia at aliciadunaj@gmail.com to be added to our e-mail list. **If we have your e-mail address, you will only receive an e-mail, not a paper copy.** Please contact Alicia if this is not the case.

Financial Report by Peter Hughes

We began the year with \$24,048, \$6,032.07 in the general fund and \$18,016 in the weed fund. Additional invoices totaling \$12,562.85 reduced the weed fund to \$6,003.49, where it stands today.

The dues appeal for 2012 was mailed on April 24, 12 dues payments have been received for \$2,825, purchased picnic tickets worth \$337. Weed control contributions totaling \$550 were received. Against the income we recorded expenses of \$221.96, resulting in a general fund value now of \$8,972.11. Our present net worth is a grand total of \$14,975.60.

Financial Records are available for inspection at WPA, and WPLMC meetings, or upon request from Peter Hughes.

Fund Raising:

After we have an estimate of next years required weed expenses we will notify all residents of the 2013 Weed Control Mandate for ongoing treatment and maintenance as mandated by the ConCom. More information to be communicated...

Craig Drenga will contact Ken Wagner to get an estimate of the remainder of 2012 fees and an estimate for 2013.

Management/Treatment:

Lake Status: Our Pond is healthy!!! There is NO Bladderwort!!! No negatives have been seen with the treatment!!! There is some re-growth of the curly leaf pond weed, which the Bridges have been hand pulling from their boat. We have Chara growing, which is a good plant which is needed to keep our pond healthy and growth of that will help keeping the invasive weeds out. It looks like thin ferns or baby hemlock. Craig Drenga will check with Ken Wagner to discuss the curly leaf pondweed as to when the best time to cut it back would be & if it should be cut back.

Craig Drenga has been requested by the ConCom to give an update of the pond status at the next ConCom meeting on **Monday, July 16th at the town hall**. If anyone else would like to come and represent Watson Pond it would be appreciated. Craig requested copies of all WPLMC meetings, Suzanne will provide. The ConCom should have copies of all meetings as Suzanne sends a copy of our minutes after each meeting via registered mail. Craig will verify that Ken Wagner is not required to attend this meeting.

Suzanne will contact Jen Hardy to determine whether Jen is will willing to continue as Project Manager and if not, Craig Drenga offered to take over the position. Suzanne will also request a hard copy of the original contract with Lycott from Jen.

Education:

Suzanne Hughes gave out leaflets and booklets about identifying invasive species in our pond.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

Website:

Reminder: Please check our website, www.watsonpondassociation.org for reports, minutes, updates, etc

Septic Tanks

As part of our effort to ensure the long-term health and maintenance of our pond, all residents are urged to have their septic systems pumped. Following is a list of local services that have been previously used by residents. Please take the time to read the previously sent and distributed educational material on the topic of the importance of septic system pumping.

**Please pump your septic systems every one or two years.
It is very important to the health of our pond!**

Mount Everett Landscaping and Excavation	413-429-4236
C and S Septic Services Westfield	413-568-6651
Bruce Cooper, Blandford	413-568-3164
Ketchen Pumping and Excavation	413-243-3023
Chuck Lafond, Chester	413-667-3386
Horkan Septic Tank Services, Southwick	413-569-3778