

Watson Pond Association Inc.  
PO Box 325, East Otis, MA 01029

Minutes of the meeting on July 1, 2012

Co-Presidents: Lou Steinberg & Craig Drenga  
Vice President: Jennifer Hardy  
Treasurer: Peter Hughes  
Secretary: Alicia Dunaj

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM

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

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- **Financial Update 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.

- **Weeds**

We will need ongoing monitoring and possible spot cutting as well as additional contributions. More to be discussed at the Lake & Management Committee meeting.

- **Roads**

Thanks go out to Craig Tighe who leveled out WP East roads and to Craig Drenga who filled some ruts on WP East with fill. Both donated their time, labor and materials.

- **Dam**

The clean up party on the dam was successful and we have changed our “hazardous” standing to “poor”, which is an improvement! We will continue to monitor and keep track of the dam on an on-going basis. Thanks to the volunteers: Craig & Chris Tighe, Michael & Alicia Dunaj, Lucky, Mel Schnoll, Jay Diamond, Craig Drenga & Joyce Diamond for making sandwiches and donating water!!

- **Will there be a Picnic??**

At this time we are certain we will have a Pig Roast on Columbus Day weekend as it has been a successful event and fund raiser; more information in further communications. The picnic was discussed and we determined that due to several families being unavailable and the need for a Picnic Coordinator, we would send a survey out with this communication to gage the interest level. If there is not enough interest or anyone willing to coordinate a picnic, it will not be held and ticket sales will go towards the General Fund of the WPA.

**Would your family:**

1. Attend the picnic on either August 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>?
2. Be available to help coordinate the picnic?

Please contact Alicia Dunaj at [aliciadunaj@gmail.com](mailto:aliciadunaj@gmail.com) or call 413-269-0237 by July 12 , 2012.

- **Next WPA Meeting**

**Our next WPA meeting will be on held at the West Beach on Sunday, September 2nd at 11am. The Watson Pond Lake Management Committee Meeting will be held immediately following.**

- Meeting Adjournment at 11:43AM

**Website:**

Reminder: Please check our website, [www.watsonpondassociation.org](http://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

