

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of January 11, 2023

Committee Members Present: Bill Muldoon, Chris Hall, Gary Downes, Rick Meisenbach, Mike Millius, Betsey Nehf, and Rob Biggs. With guest Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04am. The minutes from the December 14 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Intro: Bill asked everyone what we can do that is different and unique for the Bandstand's second decade. Ideas:

Dedicate a performance to veterans, perhaps in July.

Hold a "seniors' prom".

Don't grow too big too quickly.

Do other things along with music to bring in people.

Further outreach; find out how many people from the Islands attend concerts.

Fundraising: The Committee went through the (very old) list of donors and friends, keeping only those names that are known to one or more Committee members. Bill will finalize the list.

We have applied to the Onion Foundation for a grant.

We have a list of "friendly" banks. Rob will be talking with them. We will also talk with real estate agents and businesses such as Wild Oats.

Bill asked Chris to come up with a strategy for approaching the Harpswell Concert Band members for donations. Chris will think about it.

March Event: The spring event at Orrs Island will be held on March 16 from 6:00 to 7:30. The band, Castle Bay, will cost \$300. We need to send them a contract. Bill will talk with Gina about publicity, focusing on Orrs and Bailey Island. The event might have minimal light refreshments. It will be free to the public.

Next Season: The schedule has been firmed up. Mike will finalize it. Contracts will be sent out at the beginning of February.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday February 8, 2023, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.