

# Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of September 14, 2022

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. The minutes from the August 24 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

**Good Things About the 2022 Season:** Bill asked each member and guest to say something that was good about the season just ended:

Gary: There was a tremendous increase in interest.

Chris: The great amount of donations collected.

Gina: The connections that were made, and the sheer number of people that attended.

Rick: At least half the audience was from Harpswell. We are becoming well-known.

Mike: It was a great season. Things really jelled.

Betsy: The wide variety was good. Also, the Bandstand really pulls the community together.

Rob: The diversity of ages of the attendees.

Bill: The food truck transformed the concert into an event.

Dave: Many wonderful comments have been received.

## What Went Right and/or Wrong:

Mike: Gina was a great help. Everything went right.

Bill: Parking went well, and it will go even better next year.

Rick: The concerts were well-attended and well-enjoyed.

Betsy: The diversity was good. Also, it was nice to have the fire company reach out.

Chris: Right: having the food truck. Wrong: paying for the food truck.

Rob: The food truck was good.

Dave: There were no negatives.

Gina: The administration went much smoother.

**Capital and Operational:** Gary said that he will meet with Dennis Denile tomorrow to look at the solar panels. He also mentioned loose boards and weeds at the Bandstand, and that the ceiling needs to be power-washed. Bill noted that the income from other groups (weddings, etc.) that use the Bandstand should go to the Bandstand. Also, that John Morneau asked that we install a safety bar on the podium. Gina thought that the bush on the right side should be removed to increase the view from that side.

**Cancellation Policy:** We will add text to the contract to the effect that "No fees will be paid if the concert is canceled because of the weather". Also, we will ask the performers to state their anticipated arrival time.

**Parking:** Bill noted that we look more professional if we have the parking well-defined with cones and signs.

**Performances:** We agreed that groups should be chosen by the quality of their music, and for their diversity, with an emphasis on upbeat music. We should bring back popular bands, but not get stale. There should be a lot of variety in the schedule. July 4 should be a real event. We should have strong local groups. We could have warm-up acts on the bricks from 5:30-6:00. The food truck was a big success, but where should it be located? We could invite other activities (arts & crafts, etc.), perhaps down by the waterfront.

We appointed a subcommittee: Gary, Rick, Mike, and Gina, to evaluate groups for next season. We would like to get the schedule set by November 30. They will present their findings at the next meeting.

**Season Sponsorship:** We have a \$1000 sponsorship from Wispy & Miles. It would be nice to have nine more by April. Bill, Rob, and Gina will meet to refine what we will offer to the sponsors.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday October 12, 2022, at 9:00am.

**Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.**