

# Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of July 13, 2022

**Committee Members Present:** Bill Muldoon, Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Gary Downes, Mike Millius, Rick Meisenbach, Christine Merriman, and Gina Perow.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. The minutes from the June 8 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

**Finances:** At the start of the season, we had about \$15,366. Concerts cost a total of \$11,170, and publicity cost \$2600. Donations in June totaled \$1048, and in July, \$1125. So we currently have about \$3769. Donations at the concerts have been extremely good, so we predict that we will end the season with about \$7000. If we hold a party/silent auction in the Fall we should be able to add \$6-7000 to that, which puts us in good financial shape for next season.

**Rain Venue:** The Grange is available in case of rain, except on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. The Orrs Island Schoolhouse is available. Gina is trying to set up the latter as our permanent rain venue.

**Facilities:** Gary reported that the Bandstand has two solar panels but one has failed. He contacted five companies about getting new panels, and got two good responses. He is investigations are continuing.

Note that the number of solar panels affects the rate that the batteries get charged, not the ability to charge them. So that single panel works effectively, but slowly.

Gary also mentioned that it would be nice to have a small shed near the Bandstand, to store chairs and the generator, and to serve as a changing room for groups that need one.

**Post-Season Considerations:** We should form a core group of volunteers to help with activities such as the annual party. We also need to form a plan of action for that group.

Ideas: Have name tags that Committee members can wear at concerts so they can act as “ambassadors” for the Bandstand. Or even T-shirts (perhaps with something like “Ask me a question” on the back).

**Bandstand Parking:** Parking is working well, although we need to clarify how to handle handicapped parking.

**Fundraising:** Christine suggested that we hold an on-line auction. If so, maybe we can get a sponsor to cover the set-up cost. We should start gathering auction items soon. She will draw up a sheet describing the details of such an auction. Gary asked if this would need to be approved by the Select Board.

An idea for building community participation: Hold a community dinner at Mitchell Field. Groups of people could “rent a table”. They would provide their own food; we would serve dessert. Possibly we could get the Fishermen involved.

Bill proposed that we offer sponsorships for a \$1000 (or maybe \$500) donation. Sponsors would get a mention at each concert, and would have their names on our annual banner, mailings, and other such items.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday August 24, 2022, at 9:00am.

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