

# Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of October 12, 2022

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am. The minutes from the September 14 meeting were approved unanimously, with one abstention. The following items were discussed:

**Facilities:** Gary reported that there has been no progress in replacing the solar panels; the paperwork has been sent out but has not been returned. Our annual \$3000 appropriation from the Town will cover power washing and sealing the Bandstand ceiling. Gina suggested adding a third porta potty during the music season (at a cost of about \$450). To control the weeds among the bricks, perhaps we should put landscape fabric under the bricks.

**Groups for Next Season:** The subcommittee of Gary, Rick, Mike, and Gina recommended musical groups for next season. The entire Committee built the following tentative monthly schedule:

June (3 concerts): Harpswell Concert Band (HCB), Bonnie Edwards, Breaking Strings

July (4): HCB, Sons of Quint, Bess Jacques, 12-OC, Delta Knights, Mallett Brothers

August (5): Primo Cubana, Soul Sensations, Erica Brown, Portland Jazz Orchestra

September (1): HCB

New groups to consider include:

Sons of Quint (classic rock covers)

Calypso Soldiers (classic rock covers)

12-OC (country blues, classic covers, original music)

Lunasa (Celtic)

The Committee also agreed that we should do something special for July 6, and that we should invite food trucks to at least two or three concerts.

**Winter Events:** Holding events in the wintertime will help make the Bandstand by the Sea be a brand rather than just a location. Ideas included:

A gathering at the Bandstand on December 8 or 15 (say, from 5:30 to 7:00) for carol singing and hot chocolate, perhaps with a small music group, a bonfire and a food truck that serves s'mores.

An event at the Orr's Island Schoolhouse in early February.

An event at Cundys Harbor in late March or early April.

And the annual fundraiser, in May.

**Funds:** We have about \$9000 after last season, plus \$2000 from two sponsorships. Bill, Rob, and Gina will meet to discuss fundraising ideas and how to recognize corporate donors.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday October 26, 2022, at 9:00am.

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