

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of November 9, 2022

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. The minutes from the October 26 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Intro: Bill asked everyone how the Bandstand was connecting to the community, besides music.

Bill: The Rescue Unit recruited five new volunteers at the Bandstand.

Gina: Further outreach into the community.

Chris: More attendance by Orrs and Bailey residents.

Gary: Ditto Gina.

Bob: That the Bandstand is there for everybody to use.

Betsey: The location: that people can enjoy the beauty and the picturesque sunset.

Mike: I agree with everything that everyone has said; also, our Christmas performance.

Rob: People coming together.

Dave: People speaking well of the Bandstand. There's a lot of positive energy.

Rick: The Bandstand helps unify the different parts of Harpswell.

Holiday Event: The Committee firmly set the Holiday Event for December 8, from 6:00 to 7:30. It will be called "Light Up the Bandstand". We will set up decorations, lights, and a tree on Friday December 2, starting at 10:00 am. Chris and Gina will meet to work out the music details. Gina will supply hot chocolate, water, and cookies. We may have a bonfire at the horseshoe parking area, or a number of fire pits near the Bandstand. We will publicize the event with several banners, a printed flyer, mention on social media, and the Anchor.

Next Season: The Committee agreed that we should finalize arrangements with the Mallett Brothers and Scott Moreau (a Johnny Cash act) before proceeding with the other groups. Mike will discuss availability and price with the Mallett Brothers.

Winter Events: The Committee set March 16 for a concert at the Orrs Island Schoolhouse, possibly with a Celtic group in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We also set April 27 for a concert on Bailey's Island.

Fundraising: The subcommittee of Bill, Rob, and Gina are working on multiple revenue streams for fundraising. They have defined three types of sponsorships: season, event, and friend. Sponsors might include banks, senior living facilities, realtors, insurance agents, or other decent-sized businesses. Also, there can be individual sponsors. Other revenue streams are grants, and, of course, the cash box.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday November 16, 2022, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.