

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of June 8, 2022

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am. The minutes from the May 11 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Personnel: We welcome Christine Merriman as our newest member. Introductions were made all around.

Rain Venue: Attempts to find a venue for concerts when it is raining have so far been unsuccessful. The Coastal Academy is not available. Other sites considered are: the Kellogg Church, the Harpswell Island School, and the Grange. The Committee also considered the possibility of renting a tent. At some future time, the Administration Building at Mitchell field may be usable.

Harpswell Concert Band (HCB): Bill reported on his meeting with Bob, Gina, and John Morneau (director of the HCB). He explained why the Band was given \$180 for three concerts. He recommended that the Band seek 501C3 status. He also asked who it was that owned the timpani that are currently stored in the generator building at Mitchell Field. Chris asked why we are putting requirements on and asking questions of the HCB, when we do not do so for any other organization. He also expressed doubt that John was satisfied with receiving only \$180.

Bandstand Power: The panel at the back of the Bandstand has been installed and tested. There is also a new receptacle for the generator. The battery bank has been made safer by covering them with plexiglass. Only one solar panel is currently working.

Task Groups: Gina noted that subcommittees will need to be approved by the Select Board. However, two- or three-person task groups are o.k. Therefore, a Facilities group was formed, consisting of Gary and Bryan. A Performance group, made up of Mike, Rick, and Christine, will assess possible performers and think of ideas to expand the Bandstand “brand”, such as food trucks.

Bandstand Parking: Gina said that there is room for at least 220 cars and 3 buses on the grass in the area above the Bandstand and near the generator building. The Recreation Committee will supply “Event Parking” banners.

Fundraising: It would be good to line up 4-5 season sponsors for next season. Such sponsors would get benefits such as: a mention at each concert, having a banner at each side of the stage, and having their name on our printed materials. We will create a one-page presentation for potential sponsors.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday July 13, 2022, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.

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