

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of March 30, 2021

Committee Members Present: Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Candi Hine, Bryan Foster, Rick Meisenbach, and Gina Perow. With guests John Morneau (on Zoom) and Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. The following items were discussed:

Harpswell Concert Band: We welcomed John Morneau as the new director of the Harpswell Concert Band. John was invited to attend Committee meetings, but unfortunately he cannot become a member since he is not a resident of Harpswell.

John expressed his concerns about getting the Band started up again. His main issue is finding a suitable rehearsal space.

2021 Concert Season: As of May 24 outdoor events will be allowed at full capacity, although all safety and health guidelines must be followed, mainly the wearing of masks and safe distancing for the players and the crowd. Wind instrument players do not need masks, but must be at the greater distance from themselves and other players.

The Committee voted that we should have a 2021 concert season. The vote was 4-0 with Candi abstaining. The consensus was that we hold concerts in July and August.

Several groups have been in contact with Committee members, indicating that they are interested in performing: Portland Jazz, Novel Jazz, and Studio 2. Committee members will talk with other groups about their availability and interest.

The Committee discussed how large a group could fit on the Bandstand. Bryan noted that the Bandstand is an octagon measuring 24 feet from side to side. Musicians could also play on the brick area in front of the Bandstand. We will need to decide which groups are small enough to fit (Harpswell Concert Band and Coastal Winds, probably not; Soul Sensations and Volunteers, maybe; Studio 2, Dave Rowe, etc., yes).

We discussed crowd control. Gina suggested "free ticketing" to limit the size of the audience. This would require distributing the tickets somehow, and checking them at the entrance to Mitchell Field.

We should post an announcement on Facebook saying that there will be a 2021 season, and to "watch this space" for details (who will do this?).

On-Line Auction: Chris noted that he had just finished helping to manage an on-line auction with the Midcoast Symphony, and that he was willing and able to set one up for the Bandstand Committee if we were interested. We would need to gather auction items (of course), set up a PayPal account, and discuss how to deliver the items to the winners. We could schedule the auction for some time in May, in place of our usual party and auction. The Committee liked this idea, and will make more definite plans at our next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday April 7, 2021, at 10:00am, in person or on Zoom.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.