

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of April 7, 2021

Committee Members Present: Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Bryan Foster, Rick Meisenbach, Mike Millius, and Gina Perow. With guest Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am. The minutes from the November 7, 2020 and March 30, 2021 meetings were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Candi: Candi Hine has decided not to renew her membership in the Committee. We thank her for her years of participation, especially her letter-writing and publicity efforts. She was a valuable member of the Committee, and we will miss her.

On-Line Auction: The Committee decided not to hold an on-line auction.

Bandstand Concerts: Erica Brown has sent in her contract to play on July 1. The Soul Sensations has confirmed for August 19. Portland Jazz needs to know what date we want then on, since several of their members need to plan for other commitments. We could not give them a specific date at this time. Bob will contact Candi about Studio 2 and Dave Rowe.

Concerts will be 1.5 hours long with no intermission. We will pay the groups as contracted for their two-hour concerts.

Bandstand Capacity: Bryan made a diagram of how Portland Jazz (or any other group of 19 musicians) could fit in the Bandstand. With proper spacing, the Bandstand can hold 16. The brick area in front can hold three or four players. Thus, groups larger than twenty will not be able to participate this season.

Bandstand Audience: Gina printed out the State of Maine guidelines for large gatherings. We will need to offer free tickets to the public (available at the Town Office or on-line) in order to manage the size of the crowd. Gina presented a mapping of the audience area divided into "pods" for groups of four adults and two children under 12. We will need to mark boxes on the ground to delineate these pods. We will also need to cordon off the area in order to create a single entrance, so we can check the tickets.

We will ask the audience to wear masks, to minimize their eating and drinking, and to keep dogs on a leash.

The Committee should ask other Committees, such as the Recreation Committee, Town Land Committee, and Mitchell Field Committee, to help with the concerts.

Other: June Prosser has offered to share her experiences involving public performances.

Publicity: We need to inform the public that Bandstand concerts will indeed be held, that tickets are required, and that State guidelines must be met.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday April 21, 2021, at 10:00am, in person or on Zoom.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.

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