

# Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of May 13, 2020

**NOTE:** Shortly after the previous meeting (March 4) the Coronavirus broke out, and all gatherings of more than five people were discouraged. Necessary meetings, such as this one, could be held on-line, using Zoom.

**Committee Members “Present”:** Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Candi Hine, Bryan Foster, Mike Millius, Bill Muldoon, Rick Meisenbach, and Gina Perow. With special guests Lee Cheever and Dave Chipman.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am. The following items were discussed:

**The 2020 Concert Season:** It is obvious that the 2020 season will not occur as planned. Our contract states that the Committee can cancel a performing group's contract with two weeks' notice, so we need to decide now what we will do with the season. After some discussion, Chris made a motion to cancel the June concerts, and to notify the July and August performers that their concerts would be canceled if the crisis was not over. This was defeated, 5-2.

Bob then moved to cancel the entire season. This passed unanimously. The Committee agreed to reach the performers by phone, and then by letter, and to offer them a concert slot on the equivalent date in 2021. The phone contacts will be made by the Committee members who first contacted each group. Candi will send out the schedule of concerts and contact people.

**On-line Concerts:** Bill strongly recommended that a small number of groups, maybe two or three, be invited to give a “virtual concert”, which we would broadcast on-line (perhaps on our Facebook page). The Committee liked this idea, although Candi asked who would do the work of setting things up. Also, Bob noted that this virtual performance would require a new contract with those groups. The Committee agreed to discuss virtual concerts in more detail at our next meeting.

**Concert Videos:** Bryan suggested that the Harpswell TV station run videos of last year's concerts, perhaps in our Thursday evening time slot. Mike was concerned that we might need to ask each group for permission to air their videos (we later found that our contract already granted us the right to do so). This was agreed to enthusiastically. Later it was announced that eight of last year's videographed concerts will be presented on Harpswell TV channel 14 every Sunday for the next 2 months at 7 p.m. starting Sunday May 24.

**Letter to Former Donors:** Candi suggested that we send a letter to people who previously donated to the Bandstand, explaining our decisions and asking for support. She and Bob will get together and draft that letter.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday June 3, 2020, at 10:00am, on Zoom.

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

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hall, Secretary