

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of August 7, 2019

Committee Members Present: Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Bryan Foster, Candi Hine, and Rick Meisenbach.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. The minutes from the July 3, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Donation Box: Bob has the second donation box and will repair it.

Bandstand Ceiling: The Bandstand ceiling is in great shape, and will need only one cleaning, which we will ask Justin York to do at the end of the season.

Posters and Brochures: Bob noticed that there was no poster at the Auburn Colony, so he gave them one. He asked each Committee member to check locations during their travels, and to keep some posters and brochures in their car so they could be convenient to hand out.

Concert Host Ideas: Ask the audience where they heard about the concert (poster, post card, word of mouth, etc.) so we can get a sense of what methods are the most effective. Also, invite the audience to look at the bricks.

Weeds: Bob pulled a lot of grass and weeds from around the Bandstand bricks, and now those spaces need filling in with the special sand that hardens over time. Also, the builders' walkway needs weeding, as well as around the Bandstand perimeter.

Concert Sponsors: Bob suggested that it would be a good idea to set up a concert sponsorship for businesses for a modest, say \$200. There could be one sponsor for a Harpswell Band concert, but as many as six for the Portland Brass, for example. Rick said it would be nice if the sponsors were related to music in some way. The Committee will think more about this idea.

Cocktail Party: Another idea Bob had was to hold a "cocktail party" for eight or so specific people who might be interested in leaving an endowment for the Bandstand in their will. Rick said that Bill Muldoon has some specific ideas about how to secure an endowment (or more than one), and he (Bill) should be asked to come to a meeting to discuss them.

Community Outreach: Candi talked with a lobsterman from Cundys Harbor who said that he attends every concert. He feels that the Bandstand concerts have really brought the Harpswell community together. Hooray!

Senior Centers: We have noted that first one, now two, senior center buses are bringing people to our concerts. The Committee should send them thank-you notes, and also reach out to other senior centers to tell them about our activities.

Podium: The conductor's podium that is used for Harpswell Concert Band performances was missing from the Generator Building. The Coastal Academy admits that it might have been discarded when they were cleaning out their stuff in that building, and has volunteered to construct a new one.

Dance Floor: The weather is iffy for this Thursday's concert, so our plan to set up a dance floor need to be flexible. If it is raining, neither we nor New England Tent and Awning want the floor exposed to the elements. Rick will discuss the situation with them on Thursday morning. If the dance floor is canceled we will not be charged for it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday August 21, 2019, at 10:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Hall, Secretary