

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of September 13, 2021

Committee Members Present: Bob Modr, Chris Hall, Gary Downes. Bryan Foster, Mike Millius, Bill Muldoon, and Gina Perow.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. The minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Long Range Improvements to the Bandstand: The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the items in a five-year plan for maintaining and improving the Bandstand. Bill Muldoon conducted the discussion. He had the committee write down a “yes” or “no” for the following items:

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| 5 | Access/mobility improvements |
| 3 | Electrification of the Bandstand |
| 4 | Establish an area for dancing |
| 3 | Improve the flagpole |
| 5 | Fix the stairs to the Bandstand |
| 3 | Improve the landscaping/ocean view |
| 5 | Make a parking plan |
| 6 | Maintain/solidify the solar energy system |
| 5 | Improve the restrooms |
| 5 | Have signage for parking |

Bill tallied the number of yes-votes for each item. The counts are given in the first column above. Then followed a discussion of each item.

Accessibility: One possibility is to groom the area between the parking spot and the bandstand field to allow walkers and wheelchairs to move freely through it. That and other options will be further explored.

Electrification: Most of the Committee felt strongly that Bandstand energy should be supplied by the solar panels, possibly backed up by a quiet generator.

Dancing Area: Opinion was divided. The possibilities will be looked into.

Flagpole: Improving the flagpole and its setting as a memorial to Alan Graffam will be taken care of outside of this Committee.

Fix Stairs: Should be inexpensive and not difficult to do.

Landscaping: We need to solicit a donation to fund this. We will explore possibilities. Also, we need to consider the impact on sound quality. Also, shade is an important concern for concertgoers.

Parking Plan: We need to make a plan, make and display (removable) signage, and possibly have an attendant to direct people to the designated areas.

Solar System: Bryan reported that we should replace the Bandstand's aging batteries with lithium-ion ones, which will give extra power and require only four batteries (at about \$800 apiece). The inverter may need to be replaced. And we should buy a quiet 2-3000 watt backup generator (about \$2000). The cost for everything except the generator would be about \$5000.

Bryan and Gary will contact Maine Solar Solutions to come and evaluate the state of the solar panels.

Restrooms: Desperately needed, but out of our control. We should work with the Mitchell Field Committee to petition the Select Board for improvements.

Signage: Included with Parking, above.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday September 22, 2021, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.