

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of September 22, 2021

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. The minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Electrical: Bryan talked with an independent electrician, who will charge \$275 for his initial visit and \$100/hour. Gary suggested a person who would look over the Bandstand for \$300, and noted that it would be good to get more than one estimate. Bryan and Gary agreed to have a broad outline of the work needed for the next meeting. Bob and Bill will write a proposal for the Select Board.

Bandstand Music: The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the items in a five-year plan for the types of music that we would like to feature at the Bandstand. The topics of discussion were:

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| One new group each year | (agreed) |
| High quality/name acts | (agreed) |
| Purchase sound equipment/speakers | |
| More professional hosting/higher quality presentation | |
| Local music – new audiences | |
| Special performing arts events: fall/winter/spring; caroling at Christmas | |
| Signature events | |
| Audience broadening | (we agreed always to keep this in mind) |
| Wider variety/scheduled diversity | (agreed) |
| Ongoing music improvement | (agreed) |
| Food truck pairing/pre-scheduled | |
| Battle of the bands/Events | |

Sound Equipment: The Committee thought that it would be sufficient to get a PA system.

Hosting: We should have a designated person as the host, with a backup person. We should get background information from the performing group.

Local Groups: We need to scout out the area and find quality local groups.

Special Performances: We could have an indoor winter concert, a Christmas concert, perhaps a lighting event at Mitchell Field; something easy and family-oriented. The Committee agreed to hold at least one off-season, off-Harpswell Neck event each year. Rick said that we could work with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust for a Christmas concert. Bob suggested that we should survey the public about what they want.

Signature Events: This was covered by “High quality/name acts”. I think. No one was sure what this really means.

Food Truck: The problem is that the Town requires a \$500 fee. However, Gina said that perhaps the truck could be paired with a specific concert and the fee could be waived. The Committee agreed to consider having a food truck at one concert per season, or maybe once a month, or maybe once in both July and August. Gina said that she would handle the arrangements when the time comes. There was also a concern not to compete with Pammy's, which has been a great Bandstand supporter.

Battle of the Bands: We could arrange this with the schools in the area (find your best band and we will invite them to the Bandstand to battle). The battle might be a special event rather than a regular concert.

Money: Chris noted that we need to add a discussion of funding to our five-year planning.

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

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Monday October 4, 2021, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.