

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of November 3, 2021

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

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

Bandstand Equipment: Bryan and Gary have ordered the new generator, and also will purchase the new sound system for \$375.

Budget Letter: the letter to the Budget Committee has been sent.

Harpswell Concert Band: The Committee discussed the role of the Harpswell Concert Band (HCB) for next season. Bob presented a history of the Band and the Bandstand, and noted that the Band's new director, John Morneau, was expecting that it would perform three concerts at the Bandstand. Bob was concerned that if there were fewer HCB concerts, the Band would lose members, since the Bandstand is the only place where the Band performs. Bob suggested adding a concert date to the schedule so there would be plenty of room for other groups.

Bryan supported Bob's point of view, and said that Bill's five-year plan does not state or imply curtailing HCB's performances, and that doing so would not be fair to the Band or to Bob.

Gary supported adding two concerts in June and keeping three HCB performances.

Bill said that he sees the Bandstand as a regional draw and a force to help unite this divergent community of Harpswell. He had no intention of diminishing the role of the HCB. He wished to establish a specific set of criteria by which the Committee would evaluate possible performers, and he would like there to be an open process of discussion about which groups we select.

So we will plan for eleven or twelve concerts next season, including three by the Harpswell Concert Band.

Finances: The Bandstand account currently has about \$15,000. We would expect that a party/silent auction next spring would raise \$5-7,000. This season the cash box raised about \$3,000. So we are in good shape for the coming season. We can also raise money by sending out donation-requesting letters and having an extended season. We would need to clean up the donors' database.

If we want to have a savings that will generate, say, \$15,000 each year, that account would need to contain about \$250,000. This would require one or more endowments. However, we would need to sell the idea of the Bandstand to would-be investors, which means we would need to have a structure in place: a list of donors to solicit, materials to hand out, and so on.

Homework For Next Meeting: Look at information sent to us by several new groups, both on paper and online. Come with recommendations to fill out next season.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday November 17, 2021, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bob if you cannot attend.