

Bandstand Committee Meeting

Minutes of February 8, 2023

Committee Members Present: Bill Muldoon, Chris Hall, Gary Downes, Rick Meisenbach, Mike Millius, Betsey Nehf, and Rob Biggs. With guest Dave Chipman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02am. The minutes from the January 11 meeting were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed:

Cost of Concert Season: The upcoming concert season will cost approximately \$17,650. We currently have a little less than \$10,000 in our account. Clearly we need to do some fundraising.

Fundraising: The Onion Foundation turned us down because they want to grant their funds for a specific purpose.

Bill suggested asking the Harpswell Concert Band members to donate, collectively, a target amount, say \$2500. The Committee in general felt that Band members should not be singled out, but rather solicited along with the rest of the Town. We will send out a fund-raising letter to the community.

Bill will contact businesses starting in March.

Rob is looking at banks, real estate agents, and other such businesses for a sponsor for the entire season and/or for specific high-cost concerts (at \$2000-\$5000). He will also contact smaller businesses to be individual night sponsors (at \$750).

March Event: The spring event at Orrs Island will be limited to 110 people, which is the limit for the Orrs Island Schoolhouse. We need to publicize the fact that attendance is limited. Gina will handle the outreach. Rick has secured the band, Castlebay.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday March 8, 2023, at 9:00am.

Please advise Bill if you cannot attend.