



### Meeting Minutes 1/23/24

Attendees: Denise Conrad, Lee Kriester, Taylor Carroll, Jack Bopp, Ruth Zax, Karol Dermon, Eric Fielding (via Zoom).

Meeting called to order by Ruth at 6:35pm. Meeting adjourned by Taylor, 2nded by Karol 8:10pm

1. Approve December 12, 2023, minutes.
  - a. All approved
2. Report from Chair – Ruth
  - a. Sponsorship updates
    - i. Ruth shared sponsors with the committee.
    - ii. Still need ½ sponsor
  - b. January 15 Budget Advisory meeting
    - i. Two meetings are coming up that we should go to
      1. Feb 6, 6:00pm Select Board/Budget Advisory Committee (last year they recommended cutting music budget.)
      2. Feb 13 6:30pm Public hearing
    - ii. Schedule meeting with Board of Selectmen to discuss summer issues.
      1. We need to get on the agenda to request permission for blues and blues and use the community center for Tuesday nights, Use of community center for donor appreciation reception and green room, and Labor Day weekend Concert. (aiming for March 5)
  - c. Annual Report to town
    - i. All approved
3. Subcommittee updates
  - a. Friends Campaign and other Fund-Raising Ideas – Eric/Ruth
    - i. If we all brought in 2 “friends,” it would make a big difference.
    - ii. Benefit reception for friends/sponsors.
    - iii. Do a bigger stakes raffle with thermometer.
      1. Discussed pros and cons of asking more for donations. Most do not want to ask too much of concert goers. But we can do a better job at asking for donations and saying what the donations are for.
  - b. Update on Beer/Brews Fest – Lee no updates.

- c. Community Outreach – Eric – no updates
- d. Vendor Updates – Karol
  - i. Several vendors are seasonal, and you cannot reach them this time of year.
- e. Administration – Ruth - we completed Special Events and Raffle applications.
- f. Band Updates – Ruth
- 4. Band Review – Continuation – All
  - a. LOTS of discussion. Decided who we would ask for remaining summer dates.
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Continuing discussion -Pros and Cons of 1 ½ - 2 hrs. and opening act
    - i. All present voted to start at 6:00pm
- 6. To talk about next time
  - a. Planning agenda for meeting with BOS
  - b. Jobs for the night of concert
  - c. Volunteers

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Carroll, Scribe

### **Next Meetings**

February 6, 2024 – Joint Budget Advisory/Selectboard – 6:00 PM

February 13, 2024 – Public Hearing on the Town Budget – 6:30 PM

February 27, 2024 – Concert Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

March 5, 2024 (tentative) Meet with Selectboard – 6:00 PM