

St. Johnsbury Band

The St. Johnsbury Band had a successful year in 2010 playing the full concert series in Courthouse Park plus a Memorial Day concert. Band members volunteer their time and membership is open to all St. Johnsbury residents who can read music and have a concert band type instrument. Thanks to the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, area businesses and the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, many ice cream socials were added to the concert season this year which are also free to the public.

The St. Johnsbury Band seeks a renewal of the special appropriation in the amount of \$770 which would include ten summer concerts in St. Johnsbury on Monday evenings, plus a special concert as part of St. Johnsbury observance of Memorial Day. The band also raises money on its own through additional paid concerts in the St. Johnsbury area as well as donations from area businesses and individuals.

We believe that the benefit that that the band brings to St. Johnsbury is substantial and worthy of continued support by the Town of St. Johnsbury. The St. Johnsbury Band is a tax exempt, educational, non-profit organization; 501c(3) and private donations are welcomed by the band for the New Music Fund.

The St. Johnsbury Band was founded in 1830 and has been in continuous operation since that time. The band's Mission Statement and a history can be found on the band's website; www.stjohnsburyband.org

The annual appropriation for the band was set in 1912 in the amount of \$1000. At that time, the buying power of that level of funding was equivalent to \$20,000 in today's dollars; a substantial commitment. The appropriation remained constant through the Great Depression until quite recently. It was first dropped 10% down to \$900, then another 10% to \$810 and most recently another 5% to \$770. Today approximately 20% of the band's annual revenue is comes from the appropriation with the remainder being provided by other sources.

For more information, or to inquire about joining the band please contact manager@stjohnsburyband.org

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