

Dear Lewis-

I am writing as one of the organizers of Grange on the Green. As you probably know, every concert has the very difficult challenge of the sun shining directly into the faces of the performers who stand on the library porch. It has been a real problem from the beginning. I met with Charlotters Kris and Sarah Larson this week who own Otter Creek Awnings. Kris suggested what we think would be an elegant and useful solution.

Otter Creek would make an awning that cranks out from four of the posts (15' span). The awning could be lowered when needed during the concerts and easily cranked in when not in use. The arms of the awning would be white and would not stand out on the posts. The awning itself does not need to be removed in the winter but could be moved if the posts were being painted. The best part, in my opinion, is that the awning would provide shade for the musician's eyes, but the audience could still see the performers on the porch.

This is not scheduled to come up for review with the Selectboard until June 24 but in order to get the awning into the production line with Otter Creek, it would be really nice if the Selectboard could take a look at these drawings and give a general idea of if they think they will approve it. I plan to come to the meeting on June 10 and ask during Public Comment if you have had a chance to look this over.

Here are the positive attributes of the awnings:

1. NO COST TO THE TOWN. The cost of the awnings will be privately funded.
2. The awnings will require no maintenance and should last about 25 years. They will tuck in under the fascia of the library roof and stay there semi-permanently. (They can be removed if needed.)
3. This awning will be useful not just for Grange on the Green performers but any other performers who want some afternoon shade on the porch.
4. The crank is removable and will be stored inside so that it is not available to lower the shades when not needed.

Please take a look at the mock-ups provided by Otter Creek. The fabric is just a sample. I have given the fabric book to the library to pick something that might work.

Thanks for considering

Fran Foster



