



Light Up Thomaston

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2025

Attendees: Nancy S, Tom L and wife, Melanie D, Peggy W, Steve M, Joan M, Adam M, Ami K, Beth S, Christina G, Kim, Kay L, Don L, Karen Y

Meeting started @ 6:30 pm

- Bylaws were reviewed and agreed we need to vote in Officers yearly as we had been operating with only 2 of 4 chairs without voting.
- Karen Y nominated for chair; Nancy seconds. Beth S nominated for chair; Christina G and Ami K second. After 2 minutes speeches verbal vote is taken. Beth S is voted chair.
- Melanie D nominated herself as cochair; Christina G, Beth S, Tom L, and Kim second. Karen Y nominated herself as cochair. Nancy seconds. Melanie D provides personal background. Verbal vote is taken. Melanie D is nominated as co-chair.
- Christina G self nominated for Secretary. Second by Kim, Beth S. Christina G is voted Secretary.
- Joan M will unanimously remain Treasurer.
- Tom L will unanimously remain Light Chairperson.
- Once Officers were elected committees were formed.

Entertainment: Joan & Steve with Karen as reference

Parade: Adam

Festival of Trees: Melanie, Christina, Nancy as reference for baskets and school contacts

Lights & Event Map: Tom with a need to recruit more volunteers for setup and take down.

- We quickly discussed the budget and starting versus ending balances for 2024. There is still the need to present the budget to the Board of Finance.
- Joan & Steve will be working on letters to send to sponsors.

- A lift is needed to fix the lights on the Congregational Church. Tom discussed the possibility of sharing the cost of a rental with Matthew Johnson to reduce expenses for Light Up.
- A theme of "Christmas Traditions" was agreed upon tying into the 150th celebration conclusion with Light Up 2025.
- We discussed how to keep the Clausess warm. Adam is reaching out to use the front entry way of the Congregational Church. As a backup plan we will discuss with the Town Hall about potentially using part of the Crescent Gallery.
- Kay & Don are researching toys to give children from Santa and expressed their interest in having only one toy selection for older kids as well as having age-appropriate toys for infants.
- With two years of participating in the Festival of Trees selecting and notifying winners, I suggested a stock text followed by a separate text letting them know which tree they won. We also discussed the need to update signage as the new tickets purchased do not match the previous tickets.
- Discussed Round Up at Adam's grocery store.
- Discussed decorating the tree by the gazebo. Nancy offered bucket truck. Tom said he could buy (soft white) lights to decorate.
- Next meeting October 14, 2025, 7pm in the Lena Morton Gallery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm
