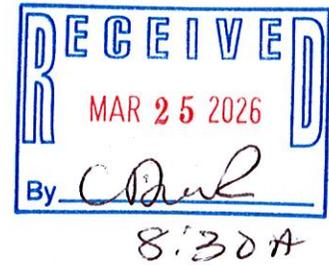


**Thomaston Opera House Commission**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 19, 2026**



**Attendees:** Commissioners Michael Burr, Richard Chandon, David Colavecchio, Shanelle Dupre, Mark Foster, Joe Hartz, Rebecca Skinner, and David Verdosci

Also present: Rich Sileo, First Selectman

Chairman M. Burr called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting: On a motion by R. Chandon, seconded by M. Foster, the minutes of the February 19, 2026, Opera House Commission meeting were approved as presented (7-0, J. Hartz abstained).

Correspondence: M. Burr read a letter from the Fine Arts Connection regarding issues to be addressed in the Crescent Gallery. These include: 1. replacement of a light fixture that was removed in preparation for the construction of the freight elevator, 2. replacement of two electrical sockets that were removed as part of the brick wall removal, and 3. replacement of the heat covers along the driveway wall is requested. M. Burr said he did not agree that the area with the missing light fixture is too dark to be usable, but has agreed to replace it. The Building Committee is looking into the issue with the electrical sockets.

UPDATES AND REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Restoration: Mike Burr reported Phase 1 was completed with a certificate of occupancy, although there is still a list of items to be taken care of. Of a \$3.5 million budget, \$15,000 remains so Phase 1 will likely come in just under budget.

Phase 2 planning has begun, with \$2 million on hand. The TOH Restoration Building Committee is preparing to go out for bid for architectural services. They may start with the walls and move on later to areas that have more impact on ongoing current productions.

LCT: No report.

TLC: D. Verdosci said there is a 12 x 20 foot piece of carpeting that needs a place to be stored until we know what needs to be done to the floor. After discussion, it was agreed to lay the carpeting now, using a nonpermanent glue, rather than waiting. D. Colavecchio said a painting party for the loading dock rail is being planned.

Friends of the Opera House: R. Skinner read an email from Roy Bouffard with an update on the Friends of the Opera House. The Friends are preparing for the Give Local program. He encouraged the commissioners to view the Friends' website that D. Verdosci and Tina Moliconi designed. He also mentioned the article in *Columbia Magazine*, a Knights of Columbus publication, that is about Father McGivney's participation in the Opera House.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session for LCT contract: D. Colavecchio moved, seconded by M. Foster, that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss the contract with LCT. Motion passed 8-0. M. Burr requested that D. Colavecchio chair the Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:17 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Colavecchio, seconded by R. Skinner, the Opera House Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm (8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Skinner,

Secretary, Opera House Commission