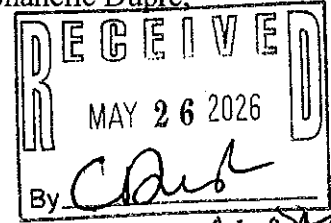


**Thomaston Opera House Commission**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 21, 2026**

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

Chairman M. Burr called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.



Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all.

Minutes of the previous meeting: On a motion by D. Colavecchio, seconded by R. Chandon, the minutes of the April 16, 2026, Opera House Commission meeting were approved as presented (6-0, J. Hartz abstained).

Scholarship presentations at Thomaston High School are scheduled for June 2, 6 pm. M. Burr cannot attend, and D. Verdosci agreed to present the Opera House Commission scholarship.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners received a proposal from Landmark Community Theatre for Orchestra Rear Aisle Safety Improvement (see NEW BUSINESS). M. Burr received correspondence from Jeff Dunn regarding attic storage, which will be worked on by an intern during the summer. Commissioners discussed the need for safe storage in the attic and agreed that nothing flammable should be stored in the attic. Changes regarding safe storage should be added to the Landmark contract.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

TOH Restoration: Repair of masonry over the box office door begins May 22, using the same size brick veneer as the brick used in 1990. Mortar joints will be precise, and a vertical plum line will be used. Once masonry is complete, Phase 1 will be complete except for the formality of close-out documents. The Building Inspector has already issued a certificate of completion.

For Phase 2, a request for proposal for an architect is being prepared. The cost of the Evergreen study of the wall composition was \$33,000. Evergreen will help in the preparation of a bid proposal, although a waiver on the bid process may be requested.

Landmark Community Theatre: No report.

TLC Committee: D. Verdosci would like to schedule a carpet work session in early to mid-June. June 19 was agreed as the tentative date.

Friends of the Opera House: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

LCT Contract: Waiting to hear from Courtney.

## NEW BUSINESS

D. Colavecchio moved, seconded by D. Verdosci, that discussion of the Orchestra Rear Aisle Safety Improvement proposal be added to the agenda. Motion passed (7-0). It was agreed that no action will be taken at this meeting. M. Burr and D. Colavecchio will talk with Jason Veronesi, who has generously offered to donate labor and equipment to this project. Further discussion and action were tabled to the next meeting of the Commission. M. Burr will get an update from Tracy Decker on finances.

On the subject of safety, it was noted that some places in the mezzanine require a large step down.

## ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Colavecchio, seconded by R. Chandon, the Opera House Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Skinner,

Secretary, Opera House Commission