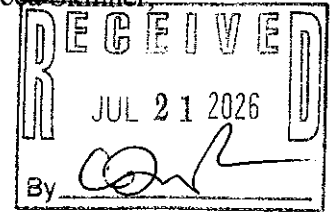


Thomaston Opera House Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting – July 16, 2026

Attendees: Commissioners Michael Burr, David Colavecchio, Mark Foster, Rebecca Skinner, Nancy Stancavage, 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 M. Foster, the minutes of the May 21, 2026, Opera House Commission meeting were approved as presented (6-0).

10:30 Am

CORRESPONDENCE

M. Burr read an email from Chuck Stango received June 27, 2026, regarding the existing contract between the Commission and Landmark Community Theatre. C. Stango expressed his view that he does not consider this an ideal time to reopen the existing contract as LCT is still recovering from the financial hardship imposed by Phase 1 of the renovation project. He said, "the financial and organizational burden of that recovery, combined with the anticipation of further disruption ahead, makes the current period an exceptionally difficult time to divert leadership attention and resources to contract renegotiation." If the Commission's preference is to open contract discussions at this time, C. Stango requested a clear identification of the specific provisions the Commission wants to revisit. He indicated that if discussions proceed at this time, LCT will bring its own items to the table. Also, he requested a series of dates for discussions and a clear identification of the specific provisions of the agreement the Commission wishes to reopen and discuss.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

TOH Restoration: For Phase 2, the committee is working on a Request for Proposal for an architect for the artwork on the walls. M. Burr said he thinks LCT will be able to continue operating during this part of Phase 2.

At the end of Phase 1, Burlington's accountant said that we owed \$3878.85. The Building Committee is looking into this issue and will verify their numbers and determine what to do about it.

Landmark Community Theatre: J. Dunn provided a printed report but was not present to answer any questions.

LCT Contract Negotiations: The Commission disagreed with C. Stango's request to delay contract negotiations, emphasizing that the Commission needs to act on behalf of the town. It was agreed that the contract should address every space being used by LCT.

TLC Committee: M. Burr thanked D. Verdosci, M. Foster, D. Colavecchio, and Frank Treglia for carpeting in the mezzanine.

OLD BUSINESS

Orchestra Rear Aisle Safety Improvement Proposal: D. Colavecchio moved, seconded by N. Stancavage, that the Commission proceed with the proposal for safety improvements in the orchestra rear aisle, using funds from the Opera House Capital account not to exceed \$3500. Motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Colavecchio, seconded by N. Stancavage, the Opera House Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Skinner,

Secretary, Opera House Commission