

Thomaston Opera House Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting – August 5, 2026



Attendees: Commissioners Michael Burr, Richard Chandon, David Colavecchio, Mark Foster, Gary Kingsbury, Rebecca Skinner

Also present: Charles Stango

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site walk with LCT Board: Attendees toured the theatre and most findings were satisfactory. Exceptions included some fire doors that were propped open and a few areas that are improperly being used for storage.

LCT contract initial discussion: The existing contract accounts for the theatre being dark while renovations are ongoing. Since the current contract was finalized, renovations have occurred and expenses have increased. There was discussion of possibly asking the Town to pay for utilities, heating, or air conditioning. For some items, it is difficult to identify which expenses apply to Level 5 and which to the rest of the building.

Commissioners stressed that LCT needs to be strict about not permitting use of substances such as confetti and “dots” that are difficult to clean up. Commissioners agreed that the \$1.50 per ticket for the utility fund is insufficient. Commissioners also requested LCT issue fewer comp tickets. C. Stango said he will find out how many comp tickets are issued and to whom and confirm the contract is being followed.

M. Burr summarized that the Commission expects cleanliness and rent for utilities (\$1700). There was discussion of installing meters to show what utilities the Town is using and what LCT is using. Also commissioners expect reports from LCT be issued before the pertinent meeting not at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by D. Colavecchio, seconded by M. Burr, the Opera House Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is September 8, 2026. C. Stango will prepare a response to the Commission before 9/8.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Skinner,

Secretary, Opera House Commission