



MEETING
Thomaston Historical Commission

Tuesday October 7, 2025, Selectman's Conference Room -Town Hall, 7 p.m.
Tom Duffany, Georgia Johnston , Beth Campbell, Kristin Mosimann, Becky Skinner.

Call to order: 7:03 pm by Tom Duffany

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from September 2025 - Tom Duffany made a motion to accept September 2025 meeting minutes. Beth Campbell 2nd and all in favor.

Finance/Budget Update:

- Finances - Budget for 2025/2026 is \$10,500. Money spent from the budget so far this year is \$1600. Daniela and Beth both have expenses for the Candlelight tours for food and battery operated candles. They are to send the receipt to Tom and he will forward to Tracy at the town hall.

Restoration and Maintenance:

- 2025 maintenance initiatives - the back garden was overgrown and Joe Ouellette completed clearing the debris. Next year consider doing an early Fall cleanup and then a 2nd cleanup at the end of the Fall season.

Correspondence- Kristin received an offer for the use of a baby grand piano to be on loan from a town resident, Dave from High St, but the consensus was to not follow up on that offer and instead keep the family's piano where it is currently, because it would be difficult to move a piano in and out of the home and there is not a lot of space.

Publicity and Plans for 2025:

- Docent Calendar: - the docent calendar is full for Friday night Candle light tours.

May 2025	June 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November
3- Kristin & Paul	7-Paul & Beth & Ray	6-Kristin & Beth	3- Special Friday Schedule	
10-Becky & Georgia	14- Becky & Georgia	13-Becky & Georgia	10- Special Friday Schedule	
16-Beth & Daniella	21-Kristin & Tom	20-Tom & Kristin	17- Special Friday Schedule	
24-Mem Day Wknd	28-150 th Parade	27-Beth & Daniella	24- Special Friday Schedule	
31-				29-Light Up the Town

Old Business:

- October Friday night candlelight tour update - the first candlelight tour on 10/3/25 went very well. We had 22 guests. 10 arrived between 6:30 and 7, 10 between 7 and 7:30 and 2 between 7:30 to 8. Donations of 84 dollars received. People seemed to really be enjoying themselves. People stayed after the tour out on the gazebo, where Daniela had snacks and cider. There was good feedback on Facebook. Kristin reported there are at least 8 volunteers for this Friday night. Steve Lattimer plans to come ahead of time, to be sure the clocks are running and Tom will make sure the outside floodlights are on. Many thanks to Beth and Kristin for all of their ideas and work on the candlelight tours.
- Stamp Collection - no new discussion

New Business

- Light Up the Town- Decorating & Volunteers - plan to open the house for Light up Thomaston. Decorating can take place right after the candlelight tours are done. Daniela has volunteered to decorate the staircase for Christmas in past years, and perhaps she will be able to do it again this year.
- An idea was proposed by Kristin for a children's December Christmas afternoon event, possibly the 14th from 1 to 4, for pictures in front of the fireplace with Santa.
- Also proposed by Kristin, a Christmas Candlelight Tour - an evening candlelight tour in December, when the house is decorated for the holidays. Consider asking a choral group to be there or have someone playing the piano if it is in tune or have Christmas music playing. Have hot cocoa and snacks on the gazebo out back.
- 2026 Meeting Calendar - Motion made by Beth to change 2026 meeting dates to the 4th Tuesday of each month, 2nd by Tom and all in favor.
- 2026 -Spring 2026 - Consider hosting events throughout the Spring instead of opening Saturday mornings.

7:30 pm - Tom Duffany made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Kristin and all in favor.

Prepared by Georgia Johnston, Secretary for the Thomaston Historical Commission