



MEETING
Thomaston Historical Commission
Tuesday March 24th, 2026

Becky Skinner, Kristin Mosimann, Georgia Johnston, Beth Campbell, Tom Duffany and Karen Blazewicz.

Call to order 7:05 pm by Tom Duffany

We are pleased to welcome Karen Blazewicz as our newest commissioner. She will need to be sworn in.

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary for 2026. Beth Campbell made a motion to nominate Tom Duffany as chairman, Kristin Mosimann as vice chairman and Georgia Johnston as secretary, Becky Skinner 2nd and all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from October 2025 – tabled to next meeting.

Finance/Budget Update:

- a. Finances – Tom Duffany gave a report on the finances. He spoke to Tracy Decker at the town hall about the budget, which ends June 2026.
- b. Budget Update 25-26 - This year's original budget was \$10,500. As of last week, there is \$4208.85 left. The heating budget is depleted, and the funds allocated for electricity are almost gone. It will be necessary to move budgeted funds to cover the gas and electricity bills for the remainder of the budget year.
- c. Budget Update 26-27 - Anticipate that next year's budget will be about the same.

Restoration and Maintenance:

- a. 2026 maintenance initiatives
The town is considering completing an appraisal on the house and the contents.
Christmas decorations should be put away; a day in April will be chosen to take them down.
The interior of the garage needs painting.
The attic and the space in the back of the house on the 2nd floor need to be cleaned out.
Discuss again at next meeting.

Correspondence – see note from Kate Dryfoos below.

Publicity and Plans for 2026:

Docent Calendar

May 2, KM and TD

May 9, GJ and BC

May 16 KM and KB

May 23 – closed for Memorial Day

May 30 DO and BS

June 6

June 13 KM and KB

June 20

June 27th DO and BC

Old Business:

Consider relocating the Stamp Collection and Linton collection to the house for storage in a fireproof container.

New Business

Pictures (Tom) – Tom shared a letter from Kate Dryfoos about the history of Seth Thomas's house at 64 Main street and Seth Thomas Junior's house next door. She sent pictures of the homes on Main St. Although the house at 64 Main St was taken apart and kept in Harwinton, it was never reconstructed. Some of the wood was utilized in the construction of the Harwinton Senior Center, and the senior center design closely resembles that of Seth Thomas's residence.

Cleaning for the season – Will look at a date in April to complete indoor spring cleaning. Kristin will text a date to everyone.

Postpone garden work until next month, when we'll have a clearer understanding of what tasks are needed.

Christmas tour in December? Let's restart Candlelight tours in the Fall with potential themed events. Kristin spoke with Carol Lamy of the Plume House about combining a tour of the STBH with a tea at the Plume house. Will consider for a fall event. Consider working with the train museum in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm Tom Duffany made a motion to adjourn and Kristin M 2nd, all in favor.

Prepared by Secretary, Georgia Johnston