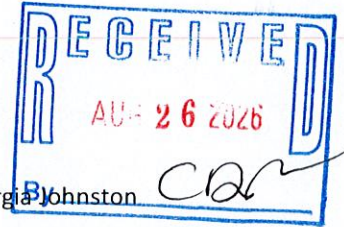


MEETING

Thomaston Historical Commission
Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 7 p.m.
Selectman's Conference Room

Tom Duffany, Karen Blasewicz, Becky Skinner, Beth Campbell, Georgia Johnston



8:00A

Call to order: Tom Duffany at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from June 2026 – Tom entertained a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June, Beth, so moved, Becky 2nd and all in favor.

Finance/Budget Update:

- Finances – Tom spoke with Tracy Decker at the Thomaston town hall about the budget.
- Budget Update 25-26 -Tom reported that the original budget was \$10,500 of which we spent \$9787.00. The heating bill was \$3900, which was \$1400 more than expected and the electric bill was \$1100 and \$150. had been allotted.
- Budget Update 26-27 Tom reported that the budget for next year will remain the same. \$10,500.

Restoration and Maintenance:

- 2026 maintenance initiatives - Tom and Beth reported that there are weeds around the plaque for John St Dennis. Tom sprayed them a few weeks ago and Beth has done some weeding, but they are out of control. Tom reported he plans to call Dave Tuohy to ask him to place landscaping fabric under the memorial plaque. Beth has been watering the flowers.

Correspondence – Wendy sent an email to everyone about the history of the house and interesting family lore about the house being used for the Underground Railroad.

Publicity and Plans for 2026:

- Docent Calendar:

May 2026	June 2026	September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
2 Tom & Kristin	6 Becky & Karen	5 Closed-Labor Day	2 Georgia	
9 Georgia & Beth	13 Kristin & Karen	12 Kristin & Tim Scatena	9 Beth, Karen, Becky	
16 Kristin & Karen	20 Georgia & Tom	19 Beth and Daniela	16 Beth, Karen, Becky	
23-Closed-Mem Day	27 Daniela & Beth	26Tom and Karen (GJ alternate)	23 Beth, Karen, Becky	28- table to a future meeting Beth cannot be here.
30 Becky & Daniela			31-Closed Halloween	

Old Business:

- Stamp Collection – no new business
- Garden work - Tom to call Dave Tuohy for work around the plaque in the back yard.
- Christmas tour in December? Table discussion
- Move Linton collection? No update
- New vacuum purchase-at house now
- Need volunteers for Friday night October tours – will need additional volunteers for Candlelight tours.
- Volunteers are needed for Light Up the Town. The plan is to open the house; discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

New Business

- New business – the historical tours went over very well. Plan to decorate the house for the Candlelight tours -date pending.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:19 Tom entertained notion, Beth- so moved, Becky 2nd and all in favor.