

Thomaston Historical Commission
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 7 p.m.
Selectman's Conference Room
Tom Duffany, Georgia Johnston, Kristin Mosimann
Daniela Ouellette, Becky Skinner, Karen Blasewicz, Beth Campbell



Call to order: Tom Duffany called to order 7:02 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- a. Minutes from August 2026 – TD entertained motion to approve meeting minutes from August. Georgia – so moved, Becky-2nd and all in favor, Daniela and Kristin abstained from the vote as they were not in attendance at the August meeting.

Finance/Budget Update:

- a. Finances: No report this month Tom will follow up with Tracy Decker at the town hall
- b. Budget Update 25-26
- c. Budget Update 26-27

Restoration and Maintenance:

- a. 2026 maintenance initiatives- everyone agreed the indoor paint job by Chix turned out well.

Correspondence: Becky received an email from 1st Selectman, Rich Sileo to update the THC website with a contact for private tours. A consensus was reached that the hours for October also need to reflect the Friday night tours. Daniela will correct the website and Kristin volunteered to use her email as a contact for private tours.

Publicity and Plans for 2026: Beth will create a Facebook event for October Friday night candlelight tours and will add Kristin's email to the Facebook page as a contact.

- a. Docent Calendar:

May 2026	June 2026	September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
2 Tom & Kristin	6 Beck & Karen	5 Closed-Labor Day	2-Kristin, Georgia. Tom? Molly, Caitlin, Daniela and Joe (Beth will ask Ray Wells)	
9 Georgia & Beth	13 Kristin & Karen	12 Kristin & Tim Scatena	9-Beth Karen Becky, Molly, Daniela and Joe	
16 Kristin & Karen	20 Georgia & Tom	19-Becky & Daniela	16-Kristin, Beth, Karen, Becky, Molly, Daniela and Joe	
23-Closed-Mem Day	27 Daniela & Beth	26-Tom and Karen	23-Kristin, Beth, Karen, Becky, Molly, McKenna, Daniela and Joe Becky will be taking the Studebaker club on a tour in the afternoon on 10/24.	28-Kristin, Karen, Paul, ? Georgia (Beth will email the high school to ask for volunteers.)
30 Becky & Daniela			30-Closed Halloween weekend	

Old Business:

- a. Garden work Dave Tuolo will be coming out to work on cleaning up of the gardens, walkway and back patio in time for the candlelight tours.

- b. Volunteers for Friday night October tours – Need at least 3 to 4 people in the house. Tour times 6:30 to 8:30. Daniela and Joe will be outside with refreshments. Decoration of the house for the Candlelight tours will be this Sunday at 1 pm. Tom will bring the spotlight for the front of the house. Karen will bring her fog machine. Beth to bring her speaker. Kristin will make copies of the speeches for each room, and she has additional information from Joe Wassong and Wendy Cook that she will make copies of to be presented at the tours.
- c. Volunteers for Light up the Town on 11/28/26. Need at least 3 to 4 people. Hours from 5 to 7 pm.
- d. Stamp Collection – nothing new.
- e. Christmas tour in December? Decide not to do the Christmas tour this year.

New Business

- a. Term Expirations-(9/30/26) Tom and Becky – will each need to email Rich Sileo and the respective parties with request to remain on the commission.
- b. Wednesday October walk? – Canceled as there is too much going on right now. Perhaps in Spring.
- c. Proposed 2027 meetings:
 - 1. Kristin will send meeting schedule requests to Vinney Carey and Cathy Dupont.
 - 2. Tuesday, March 23, 2027
 - 3. Tuesday, April 27, 2027
 - 4. Tuesday, May 25, 2027
 - 5. Tuesday, June 22, 2027
 - 6. Tuesday, August 24, 2027
 - 7. Tuesday, September 28, 2027
 - 8. Tuesday, October 26, 2027

Tom entertained a motion to adjourn, Georgia so moved, Becky 2nd and All in Favor. Meeting adjourned 7:37

Prepared by

Georgia Johnston, Secretary of the Thomaston Historical Commission