

Thomaston Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011

Present: D. Colavecchio, G. Seabourne, S. Turner, K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, F. Treglia, M. Madow, First Selectman Mone, Selectmen Perrault and Barrett, Opera House Commissioners Pasqualla, Piscopo, Torrence, Galbraith, and Kamens. Chuck Stango to represent Landmark Community Theater, Town Attorney Rybak, Members of the community and press.

1. Call to order

The BOF and BOS called their joint meetings to order at 8:30.

2. Opera House / Landmark contract discussion and vote

Commissioner Pasqualla gave a thorough presentation on the Opera House Commission's contract and negotiation process. Mr. Pasqualla discussed the financial position of Landmark, the framework of interaction between the town and Landmark, the potential grants for the Opera House and town hall structure. Questions were asked by the members of the BOS and BOF in regard to equipment, security deposits, ticket sales, volunteers, the cost of the lights and electricity, and many other subjects. Members of the BOF and BOS stated that the Opera House is unique asset to the town and although it will cost the taxpayers the quality of life, business climate, etc. will be better with the Opera House open.

On a motion by Steve Turner, seconded by Mike Madow, the Board of Finance recommends moving forward with the proposed contract with Landmark subject to approval at a town meeting. Vote: unanimous

3. Public Comment:

Christine Yoos asked about snow plowing on weekends and who was liable for slip and fall incidents with show patrons.

Tony Durso is worried about the cost to taxpayers as the conomy is stillba and people are hurting.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Steve Turner, second by K. O'Sullivan, the Board voted to adjourn. Vote: unanimous 9:46 p.m.

Submitted by: Dave Colavecchio