

Thomaston Opera House Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 20, 2015

In attendance: Commissioners Mike Burr, David Colavecchio, Marie Galbraith, Lucille Killiany, Barbara Piscopo, Lisa Reardon, Becky Skinner

Absent: Commissioners Richard Chandon, Sandy Sandford,

Also present: Roy Bouffard, Chairman, Friends of the Opera House and the TOH Restoration Committee.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucille Killiany at 7:15 pm.

A bequest to the Opera House was added to the agenda under New Business

Secretary's report: On a motion by Lisa Reardon and second by David Colavecchio, the minutes of the July 16, 2015 regular meeting were accepted as presented (passed, 6-0-1, M. Burr abstaining).

Treasurer's report: No report received from Tracy Decker as of August 20, 2015.

Building and Restoration Committees

Back wall was painted by Roy Bouffard and Rich Chandon. Carpeting was repaired by Royalty. Discussion of approval authority for Opera House repairs and improvements ensued; per the Town Ordinance establishing the Opera House Commission, the Opera House was established "... for the purposes of managing, maintaining, improving, operating and conducting the Opera House in the Town Hall" (10-11) and the Commission has the powers and duties to "...pay out the net income for the establishment, maintenance, conduct, use, operation, maintenance and betterment of the Opera House ..." (10-13B) and "...establish, maintain, conduct, operate, improve and use said Opera House as a place of recreation and public assembly" (10-13D). Section 10-14 gives the Selectmen veto power. Therefore, the Opera House Commission has the approval authority for plans and expenditures for restoration of the Opera House.

Roy provided an update on the third phase of back wall restoration, the cove and eagle. A quote has been requested from Canning Studios of Cheshire, and a quote will also be requested from Kronenberger and Sons.

Ken Koval of the Town Hall bldg. committee and OH Restoration committee has suggested that a long-range plan for OH restoration be developed.

Friends of the Opera House: Roy Bouffard reported a second solicitation letter was mailed.

Old Business:

OH page of the Town website: Becky Skinner will work on proposed revisions, including a reference to the Friends of the Opera House.

Commission Committees: On a motion by Mike Burr and second by Dave Colavecchio, the following committee assignments were approved by the Commission (passed, 7-0). All terms are 2 years except the Executive Committee which is 1 year (per the Town Ordinance).

Executive: L. Killiany, Chairman; B. Piscopo, Vice-chairman; B. Skinner, Secretary/Treasurer.

Bylaws: B. Skinner, M. Galbraith.

Long-range Planning: Commissioners B. Piscopo, R. Chandon, and M. Galbraith; Friends of OH: R. Bouffard, J. Gangloff, and D. Dimaria (names to be confirmed); LCT (representatives to be named).

Nominating and Elections: M. Burr and D. Colavecchio.

TOH Restoration Committee: Commissioners B. Piscopo, L. Killiany, and non-voting member M. Galbraith plus two from Friends of OH, two from LCT, and two from Town Bldg Committee, per contract with LCT.

Fund Development: Commissioners M. Galbraith, R. Chandon, and M. Burr; Friends of OH: R. Bouffard and D. Dimaria (names to be confirmed); LCT (representatives to be named).

Scholarship: L. Killiany, B. Piscopo, and L. Reardon.

Contract for theatre operations (ad hoc): Commissioners M. Galbraith and R. Skinner; Friends of OH – R. Bouffard; and LCT – C. Stango, P. Candito, G. Kingsbury, and J. Dunn.

New Business:

Bequest: On a motion by Dave Colavecchio, seconded by Mike Burr, the Commission recommended that the bequest from Sylvia Ponitoski of 3% of her estate to "The Thomaston Opera House for the Performing Arts, Inc" (\$7424.80) be deposited in the Thomaston Opera House Restoration Fund (passed, 7-0).

On a motion by Mike Burr, seconded by Marie Galbraith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Skinner
Secretary, Opera House Commission

LCT= Landmark Community Theatre