

Thomaston Opera House Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 10, 2015

In attendance: Commissioners Lucille Killiany, Barbara Piscopo, Lisa Cherie Reardon, Sandy Sandford, Becky Skinner

Absent: Commissioners Mike Burr, Richard Chandon, David Colavecchio, Marie Galbraith

Also present: Roy Bouffard, Friends of the Opera House and TOH Restoration Committee; Skip Gelati, Thomaston Ambulance Corps.

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

Ambulance Corps: Skip Gelati of the Thomaston Ambulance Corps addressed the Board to inform that a defibrillator purchased by the Ambulance Corps was installed on the 5th floor by the elevator. He invited the Commission to attend a training session that will be scheduled for Opera House staff and volunteers.

Correspondence: Discussion of Ken Koval's response to the invitation to attend the Commission meeting was tabled until Mike and Dave are in attendance (on a motion by Sandy Sandford seconded by Becky Skinner, 5-0). Roy Bouffard offered to bring questions from the Commission to Ken.

Secretary's report: On a motion by Sandy Sandford, seconded by Lisa Reardon, the minutes of the November 19, 2015 regular meeting were accepted as presented (5-0).

Building and Restoration Committees: Commissioners were provided with copies of the minutes of the Dec 3 Restoration Committee meeting, which included a list of areas in need of restoration (including back wall, the coffered ceiling, stage, outdoor signage, original box office and entrance among others). Estimated cost is \$1,445,000. Roy Bouffard reported on a letter being drafted to Governor Malloy with copies to the region's state senators and representatives. The letter describes the history of the Opera House and its importance as an historic attraction as well as an economic asset that brings business to the local restaurants. It describes the restorations needed and approximate cost.

Roy provided an update on the back wall project. Two bids are expected to be submitted for wainscoting and faux windows.

Roy also reported on fund-raising projects in the planning stages.

New Business: On a motion by Becky Skinner, seconded by Sandy Sandford, the Commission tabled the election of officers pending the report of the Nominating Committee (5-0).

On a motion by Barbara Piscopo, seconded by Sandy Sandford, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Skinner

Secretary, Opera House Commission