

Thomaston Opera House Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting – September 15, 2016

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Time 9:30
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In attendance: Commissioners Mike Burr, David Colavecchio, Lucille Killiany, Barbara Piscopo, Lisa Cherie Reardon, Becky Skinner, David Verdosci

Absent: Commissioners Richard Chandon, Sandy Sandford

Also present: Roy Bouffard, Friends of the Opera House and Restoration Committee; Juan Cardona, Connecticut Valley Theatre Organ Society (CVTOS)

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lucille Killiany at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Lucille Killiany, seconded by Becky Skinner, the agenda items of Friends of the Opera House and New Business were moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Friends of the Opera House: The Friends issued a funds solicitation letter at the end of August. Two quotes for the eagle and cove portion of the back wall project have been received and are under review. One quote does not include carpentry, so a separate quote for carpentry is being sought. After this portion of the project is completed, the Friends and the Restoration Committee will begin development of a master plan, which will need the services of a consultant. Commissioners are requested to attend the Nov 4 Wine and Beer tasting fundraiser at the Lyceum in Terryville.

New Business: Juan Cardona of CVTOS presented a letter to the Commission explaining that CVTOS owns and maintains the theatre organ in the Opera House. Due to declining membership, CVTOS is unable to continue to pay the premiums for insurance on the organ and liability insurance for their volunteers. The letter requests the Commission to consider taking on this expense. The annual premium is \$516. This amount may be lower if the town's liability insurance would cover the CVTOS volunteers. Mike Burr volunteered to pay the premium as long as he is a Commissioner. Mr. Cardona and the Commission expressed their gratitude to Mike.

Secretary's report: On a motion by Mike Burr, seconded by Lisa Cherie Reardon, the minutes of the August 18, 2016 regular meeting were accepted as presented (7-0).

Building and Restoration Committees: Lucille said both the Restoration and Building Committees met in September, with no additional information to that in Roy's report (above).

Scholarship: Commissioners are invited to a meeting of the Scholarship Committee scheduled for September 21 at 6:30 pm.

Old Business: Floor replacement in the area where the washer will be installed is needed before installation.

On a motion by Dave Colavecchio, seconded by Mike Burr, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Skinner
Secretary, Opera House Commission