

Thomaston Opera House Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19,2012

Present: L. Killiany, Chairwoman; J. Torrence, R. Skinner, B. Piscopo, M. Kamens, J. Pasquella, M. Galbraith.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Correspondence

A letter was received from the Thomaston High School Guidance Officer Sandra Lubens who asked if the Opera House Commission planned to continue the Patsy Piscopo Thomaston Opera House Scholarship. On a motion by J. Pasquella, seconded by M. Galbraith, it was voted to award the scholarship at the 2012 graduation at a minimum of \$400. Vote: Unanimous

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

On a motion by J. Torrence, seconded by J. Pasquella, it was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8,2011 as presented. Vote: Unanimous

4. Treasurer's Report

M. Kamens reported that he had no report. L. Killiany will ask the Town Finance Manager for a monthly report of income and expenses.

5. Regional Board

Roy Bouffard reported that the application for non-profit status of the Friends of the Opera House is pending before the IRS, the by-laws are in order, stationary has been designed, and the group is closer to meeting its goals. R. Bouffard reported that the Friends of the Opera House have a project for the Opera House and will hold a fundraiser to support it. He did not reveal what the project was.

6. Building Committee

Chairman Killiany reported that a letter of request for an extension of the grant to remove the projector was sent to the State of Connecticut Dept. of Culture and Tourism, Historic Preservation Division. The Projection Booth Project Committee members are: Chairman Killiany, Ken Koval, Ken Hopkins, and a representative from the Friends of the TOH.

On a motion by R. Skinner, seconded L. Killiany it was voted to name J. Pasquella as the TOH representative to the Projection Booth Committee.

7. Other Business

Julianne Torrence announced her resignation from the Commission citing the outside interference and political meddling of the First Selectman and others in the deliberations of the Negotiations Committee of the TOH regarding the contract with Landmark.

The commissioners each thanked Julie for her outstanding work on the commission, her diligence, wise counsel and good humor and wished her well.

On a motion by R. Skinner, seconded by J. Pasquella, the resignation of Julieanne Torrence was accepted with regret. Vote: Unanimous

8. Other Business

It was announced that the Transition Committee will review the TOH inventory and location of items on January 26, 2012. M. Galbraith will send the inventory to the committee.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by J. Torrence, seconded by R. Skinner, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Marie Galbraith, Recorder