

**Agenda**  
**Town of Skowhegan**  
**Opera House Committee Meeting**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**  
**Municipal Building – Council Room**

**Committee Members:**

Cara Mason, Chairman  
Lyn Govoni  
Jeff Hewett  
Fred Liebfried  
Todd Smith

**Recording Secretary:**

Alicia Simpson

Call Meeting to order.

1. Discussion and decision to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022.
2. Update from Cara Mason regarding rigging.
3. Discussion and decision to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to expend \$6,800.00 from the Opera House Reserve Account to remove the fire curtain.
4. Updates from Friends of the Skowhegan Opera House.
5. Other Business.

**Adjourn Meeting.**

**Minutes**  
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Jeff Hewett  
Todd Smith  
Fred Liebfried

**Recording Secretary:**

Alisha Simpson

Call Meeting to order.

Cara Mason called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

1. Approve Minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting.

A motion by Jeff Hewett, second by Todd Smith to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting. V-5/0, motion carried.

2. Update & discussion regarding the Opera House lighting.

Cara Mason updates the board about the Port Lighting and the rigging inspection that happened on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2022. Cara stated the front curtain is not to be moved, it has asbestos. It will need to be replaced. Jeff is waiting for a quote for the asbestos removal. We can't use the 4 pipes for the back drops or curtain. They can't be moved.

The lighting that was purchased can't be used until all that is replaced. We cannot have the rigging done until the structural inspection is done 1/3/23. To replace the rigging and all fire-resistant curtains, the curtains will be stationary it will cost 185,000.00. The curtain cannot go back to how we were using it. If we have the pipes replaced and for the curtain to be mobile it will cost 357,000.00. The total cost is 542,000.00 for all that needs to be done, this does not include the asbestos removal.

Fred Liebfried states we need to wait for the structural inspection to be done. We need to put some thought & discussion into this. Jeff Hewett wants to know what has to be done for the stage to be functional then down the road we can do the 357,000.00

to have them motorized. Not sure what direction to go now until the structural inspection is done.

Discussed the issue on the sounds and vibration before 5pm when there are functions happening upstairs, how to prevent the noise from not interrupting the offices downstairs. Sound proofing and separate entrance would be ideal. There seems to be no cost-effective way to prevent this.

3. Update from FSOH regarding funding and fundraisers.

Lyn updates the board, they did a fundraiser at Unwind on October 20, 2022 and raised \$250.00. They did Skow-Whoville, put flyers out about FSOH and the children's show that is coming on February 26, 2023. At Skow-Whoville they had a table out with donations jars for the scholarship and also for the FSOH. They had information about the youth scholarship. They gave out about 100 art kits to promote their next show. They wanted to have a theater camp in February 2023. It's not possible with all they wanted to do and not enough volunteers. It's been pushed out to February 2024.

They sent out thank you cards to the sponsors of the play of Shirley Valentine. There will be an upcoming fundraiser event being held February 26, 2023 at 4pm. FSOH had reached out to Scot Cannon, a musician, mime, and educator who has done lots of children's shows.

**Adjourn Meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.