

Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting of June 9, 2004
Minutes
George F. Dalrymple, Secretary

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at Bedford Depot Park's Freight House at 120 South Road on Wednesday, June 9, 2004. President Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 3:17 P.M. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, and Jim Shea. Mr. Robert Sawyer of the Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway was also in attendance.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Financial Report, May 31, 2004." He highlighted some of the variation in performance in the various categories. He noted that we have much stronger performance versus 2003.

The Treasurer distributed the "Memberships and Financial Summaries, April 30, 2004 and May 31, 2004." At the end of May we had \$6,987.88 available in unrestricted funds. We had eight membership actions—new or renewals—since the last board meeting

Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Ruetenick of the Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway requested that the Friends of Bedford Depot Park write a letter to the appropriate agency supporting the bikeway Friends is their request for a \$5,000.00 grant to study the feasibility of extending the bikeway to the Concord Road crossing on the Reformatory Branch. Mr. Leary moved and Mr. Sampson seconded that the Friends of Bedford Depot Park write a letter of support for the grant application of the Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway. It was VOTED 6-0-0

Mr. Shea reported that the Friends of Bedford Depot Park have been given a donation of office furniture: 8 desk chairs, a lateral filing cabinet, 2 book cases, and 2 office tables. These were donated by Mr. Sampson's

daughter. Mr. Leary moved and Mr. Dalrymple seconded that these items be accepted with thanks. It was VOTED 6-0-0. Mr. Shea then moved that surplus chairs be offered for donations to appropriate parties. Mr. Leary seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

Mr. Leary distributed an estimate of the costs and time for schedule for a trip to the Mount Washington Cog Railway. However his health, since a recent hospitalization, precludes him proceeding with the trip. Unless some one else steps forward to help, the trip is on hold.

Mr. Shea reported that he has received the 16 mm. Delaware & Hudson films from Mr. Boardman. He plans to produce Boardman Volumes 4, 5, & 6 on a one-per-year basis after Boardman Volume 3 is available this fall. The present sales numbers are:

Video	VHS	DVD
• Vol. One	229	126
• Vol. Two	82	64

He also presented estimates for the preparation of the masters and estimates for producing 100 VHS copies and 1,000 DVD packaged suitable for Internet sales. Mr. Leary moved that we expend the necessary funds to transfer the films to video tapes suitable for editing. Mr. Sampson seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

When Mr. Shea met with Mr. Boardman to receive the D & H films, they watch part of one of the Boardman videos. The comments made by Mr. Boardman were very informative. Mr. Shea decided that such comments should be on the second audio track of each DVD. He is planning to hold off the production of the professionally duplicated Volume One until such comments can be recorded. Similarly, such comments when available will be added to each in house duplicated DVD. Meanwhile, he is making copies as needed.

The Interpretative Track project has about 375 feet of track to-date. However, ballasting with stone dust is not complete for

all of this stretch. There are ties stored to complete approximately 600 feet of track. Additional stone dust will be ordered before June 19, 2004, when the next work session is planned.

Edward Stickney has been considering appropriate signs for the Interpretative Track. He has a proposed design utilizing a bronze plaque on a low granite pedestal. His initial cost estimate are approximately \$1,600. Mr. Leary reported that the Town's Historical Preservation commission presently has a surplus of approximately \$ 700 that has to be obligated

by June 30th. Mr. Sampson moved that we proceed with the sign and to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,000 for the Friends of Bedford Depot Park's share of the sign. Mr. Dalrymple seconded. It was VOTED 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M. as some members had other commitments.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary-Treasurer

Incorporated by reference"

- "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Financial Report, May 31, 2004."
- "Memberships and Financial Summaries, April 30, 2004 and May 31, 2004"
- COG RAILWAY Schedule and Cost Estimate.
- "The Films of John Boardman, Volumes 4-6," Expense Estimates and Projected Income (draft dated June 9, 2004)

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