

FRIENDS OF BEDFORD DEPOT PARK, INC.

Board of Directors

Meeting of October 8, 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, October 8, 2004. President Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 3:09 P.M. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, and Jim Shea. Ed Stickney also attended.

Mr. Shea read the amendment procedure of our bylaws. It seems that an amendment has to have a two-thirds vote of the eligible members to be adopted. After much discussion it was decided that Mr. Stickney's membership totals, 266 was the number of members to be used. Since the vote was 135-3-1 the amendment lost as the required 177 was not obtained. However, it is possible that a waiver from the Secretary of State can be obtained since the amendment had an overwhelming majority of those voting and a majority of the membership, Mr. Shea will file a Chapter 7A request to have it declared passed.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report September, 2004." The performance this year is better than 2003, but not up to our best year, 2002.

The Treasurer distributed the "Memberships and Financial Summaries, September 29, 2004." At the end of September we had \$5,454.71 available in unrestricted funds. We had 113 membership actions—new, upgrades or renewals—this year to date.

Mr. Shea presented three frames offered to the Friends of Bedford Depot Park by Mr. Leigh A. Webb, the donor of the H. Albert Webb Award we received several years ago for the interpretive track project. One frame contained 13 antique Railroad Police badges, the second a badge and patch for an B&M police officer and the third, a small framed print of the B&B *Fawn* coach in its later days. The consensus is that we would like to display the items; however, the impending

reconstruction of the Freight House creates too large risk to accept them now. Mr. Shea will return the items, with our appreciation for the offer. We hope that once the reconstruction is complete that the offer will again be made.

The Depot Park Advisory Committee held a meeting on August 13, 2004. Mr. Warrington believes that Mass. Highway will complete their work on the Freight House this fiscal year, ending June 30, 2005. The committee reviewed the status of the rental of the Depot and had many questions that Mr. Reed and others should have answers for their next meeting, i.e. the condition of the roof, other maintenance issues, use of the building by others than the present tenant, etc.

The minutes of the September 1, 2004, meeting were distributed. Mr. Leary moved that they be accepted with a correction. Mr. Filios seconded and it was VOTED 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

*submitted by
George F. Dalrymple, Secretary*

Incorporated by reference:

- "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report, September 30, 2004"
- "Memberships & Financial Summaries, September 29, 2004"
- "The Films of John M. Boardman, Volume Three, Expenses and Projected Income (September 01, 2004)"

Approved as corrected, November 4, 2004