

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, April 8, 2005

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at Bedford Depot Park's Freight House at 120 South Road on Friday, April 8, 2005. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm. Members present were Barry Sampson, George Dalrymple, John Filios, Ray Ruetenik, Jim Shea and Ed Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report March 31, 2005." Gross receipts for all categories were down for the month compared to last year.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, April 7, 2005." On March 24, 2004, our unrestricted balance was \$6,260.03. The Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2004 was distributed. We had a negative cash flow of \$1,865.71. However this included the cost of producing one thousand each of Boardman Vol. II and III DVDs and three hundred of Boardman Vol. II VHSs. Also payments to the Town and non-profits covered different periods that sales. Mr. Sampson moved that the report be accepted. Mr. Stickney seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

Mr. Stickney presented the "Membership Report, April 8, 2005." There were fifteen renewals, one renewal upgrade to life membership and one death in February.

Mr. Shea reported on the activity for restoring RDC6211: Contracted for environmental remediation study, a Purchase Order has been issued for work to restore the seats and furnish new windows, quotes have been obtained for electrical work and HVAC, and volunteers will be working on removing the heater covers. Jim and Barry have cleaned up the passenger compartments in preparation of further work.

Mr. Ruetenik reported on the proposed improvements of the Reformatory Branch Rail Trail. The town has a study contract with VHB for plans to construct the trail from Railroad Avenue to Concord Road. On Wednesday, April 13, 2005, The Annual Meeting of the Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway will be held in conjunction with a Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm in the Old Town Hall.

Mr. Shea distributed "Bedford Freight House Information Systems Top revised March 14, 2005." The system network includes:
Office Mac Computer with Inkjet Printer,
Cash Register with Printer,
Office Copier/Printer/Fax,
Webcam,
Airport Express 1 (wireless) -- password protected, and
Airport Express 2 -- to provide Public Access to the Internet.
Through the Airport Express 1, the Clerk Computer and printer located in the back

room are connected to the local network.

Mr. Filios asked about the rental status of the Depot. Since FBDP has no jurisdiction over it, the question could not be answered.

Mr. Sampson again asked about the status of our insurance coverage. There is still a question if the benefits of property insurance are worth the costs. He also reported that he plans to have tables at RAILFAIR Model Railroad Show, April 23, at Bolton, and also plans to attend April 24, the 10th Annual Train Show, in Hookset NH.

Mr. Ruetenik knows some possible volunteers for Freight House Clerks who are unsure of what the job entails. We discussed that a "trainee" should work several shifts with a "veteran" clerk before working alone.

The minutes of the March 4, 2005, meeting were distributed. Mr. Filios moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Sampson seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary

Incorporated by reference
Agenda

"Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report March 31, 2005,"

"Financial Summary, "April 7, 2005"

"Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2004"

"Membership Report, April 8, 2005."

"Bedford Freight House Information Systems Topology, revised March 14, 2005."

Approved with corrections, May 6, 2005.