

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, May 6, 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, May 6, 2005. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:39 pm. Members present were Barry Sampson, George Dalrymple, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Jim Shea, and Ed Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report, April 30, 2005." Gross receipts for all categories were up for the month compared to last year. However the 2005 receipts for FBDP and Consignment merchandise are still below that of 2004.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, May 1, 2005." On March 24, 2004, our unrestricted balance was \$6,590.88.

Mr. Stickney presented the "Membership Report, May 6, 2005." There were fourteen renewals, one renewal upgrade to family life membership and one death in April. We presently have 332 members.

Mr. Shea reported that the environmental remediation study for restoring RDC6211 has not been completed.

Mr. Sampson reported that the Nashoba Valley RAILFAIR Model Railroad Show, April 23, at Bolton had gross sales of about \$471 with a profit of approximately \$207. Present plans call for tables in:
September -- Bedford Day,
October -- North Shore Model Railroad Show, and
November -- Mystic Valley Model Railroad Show.

Mr. Leary reported that he was unable to continue as Excursions Coordinator. Mr. Sampson said he would help and has tentative plans for a trip in the fall to the Berkshire Scenic Railway and to the Western Gateway State Park. They will work together to plan the trip and prepare flyers for insertion in the Bedford Depot News.

Mr. Sampson asked about the status of the monument for the Interpretive Track. It will be installed after the presently planned initial length of track is completed. Will plan to have an appropriate ceremony in late summer or early fall to dedicate it.

Mr. Ruetenik reported on the annual meeting of the Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway. They are still awaiting the study by VHB for the extension to either the Concord line or to Concord Road. They didn't vote to change their name, but added "and pedestrians" to their objective statement. They also heard about the Bruce Freeman Bikeway. It is presently under construction, from Lowell to Westford with plans proceeding to Concord. The problems left are crossing both Route 2 and the Assebet River, as well as making arrangements with CSX for the final segment into Framingham.

The minutes of the April 8, 2005, meeting were distributed. Mr. Leary moved

that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Sampson seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary

Incorporated by reference

Agenda

Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report, April 30, 2005,

Financial Summary, May 1, 2005,

Membership Report, May 6, 2005, and

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

Approved with corrections June 3, 2005