

*Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, September 9, 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, September 9, 2005. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:46 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Barry Sampson, Jim Shea, and Ed Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report, August 31, 2005." Food and drink gross receipts were down 19.9% for August, and profits down year to date. FBDP gross receipts were down for the year to date, but the net profit was up 13.9%. The consignment organizations are down year to date.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, September 1, 2005." On July 26, 2005, our unrestricted balance was \$8,583.45.

Mr. Stickney presented the "Membership Report, September 9, 2005." There were nine renewal, two new members and one death. We presently have 334 members.

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Stickney have started organizing the Friends files. They plan to create a computer catalog of our documents. We presently have three filing cabinets for the files. Also there is a horizontal file that is planned to be used to

store artifacts.

Mr. Sampson will bring a grill to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers for the Annual Meeting. Mr. Shea will purchase the supplies for the lunch that will follow the Annual Business Meeting.. The meeting be held on Saturday, October 1, 2005, at noon, at the Freight House. The incumbent officers will run for reelection for two year terms

The closing date for the Freight House for rehabilitation still has not been set. Mr. Warrington, DPW Director, has reported that Bedford has approved the plans and the contracting is a function of Mass Highway. Mr. Shea will check for storage space, especially at the Old Town Hall,

Mr. Sampson reported that we has approximately 41 paid reservations for the Berkshire Scenic Rail Excursion . Because of the good response, Mr. Leary will check if a larger bus can be provided. Mr. Sampson has sent advertising copy to Bedford Minuteman, BHS Preservationist. FJLH Broadside, Lexington Minuteman, The Colonial Times, Lexington Shopper, Action Unlimited, the Call Boy, etc. Copies have been posted in the CoA, local libraries and banks as well as other places. .

Work has started on RDC 6211. The contract for environmental remediation has been let. DPW workers have removed the radiator panels. The panels and seats will be

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transported to Fast Track in NH for refurbishing. Some preliminary results should be seen soon.

Mr. Sampson renewed his request for a general membership meeting. After our last meeting he put in a call to Kevin Farrell, but has not yet made contact. The proposed meeting will be on the area trolleys. He proposes a Saturday or Sunday in January or February. Possible locations -- depending on costs -- are the Meeting Room at the Bedford Library or the Great Room at Old Town Hall. He will continue to investigate.

The minutes of the August 5, 2005, meeting were distributed. Mr. Stickney moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Leary seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

George F. Dalrymple,  
Secretary

Distributed at meeting

1. Agenda
2. Bedford Freight House, Monthly Sales Report, August 31, 2005,
3. Financial Summary, September 1, 2005, and
4. Membership Report, September 9, 2005.

Approved with corrections October 7, 2005