

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, October 7, 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, October 7, 2005. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, James Shea, and Edward Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, September Sales Report, 9/30/05." Most item sales were down for a year ago, primarily because we were closed for two weeks after the broken water pipe flood.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, October 1, 2005." On July 26, 2005, our unrestricted balance was \$12,495.73.

Mr. Stickney presented the "Membership Report, October 7, 2005." There were thirteen renewals and two new members. We presently have 336 members.

Mr. Stickney distributed a report on the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Sampson reported the Berkshire Scenic Railroad trip of September 25 had 49 paid participates. With the addition of a rest stop at the Charlton Rest Area on the Mass Pike, everything went well and on time. All seemed to enjoy the trip. The net profit for the excursion was \$477.37.

The closing date for the Freight House for rehabilitation still has not been set. Mr. Warrington, DPW Director, expects Mass Highway to advertise for bids on or about December 3. Mr. Shea will check for storage space that can be easily accessed during the shutdown of the Freight House,

Our present web site provides a "Shopping Cart" with three pages and room for 15 items. Mr. Shea suggested that we expand the capability to for an additional annual fee of \$139.00. It was agreed that we should go to the expanded cart since we will not have the Freight House for some time in the near future.

Mr. Filios asked where we stand with the Interpretive Narrow-gauge Track Project. Mr. Dickey plans to have work days in November if his personal situation permits.

Thirty six plain hats have been purchased from Corporate Casuals. Carol Sampson will sew Minuteman Bikeway patches on them to make another product for FBDP

Mr. Sampson plans to go to four Hobby Shows early next year:

1. Amherst Railway Society, W. Springfield, January 28-29, 2006,
2. Mystic Valley Railway Society, Foxboro, February 26, 2006,
3. South Shore Model Railway Club, E. Weymouth, March 26, 2006, and
4. Railfair Model Railroad Show, Bolton, April 24, 2006.

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Mr. Sampson suggest that the Freight House stock of items useful for the various Hobby Shows is very low and suggested that more stock be purchased.

Mr. Sampson asked about the status of Boardman 4 DVDs. Mr. Shay indicated that it would most likely be available in November. The discussion turned to Boardman 1 DVDs -- we have none available. Mr. Leary moved and Mr. Sampson seconded that we immediately initiate duplicating of Boardman 1. It was VOTED 7-0-0.

Mr. Sampson has not received a return call from Kevin Farrell regarding his request to be a speaker at a general membership meeting He will follow up.

The minutes of the September 9, 2005, meeting were distributed. Mr. Leary moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Stickney seconded and it was VOTED 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary

Distributed at meeting

1. Agenda
2. Bedford Freight House, September Sales Report, 9/30/05.
3. Financial Summary, October 1, 2005.
4. Membership Report, October 7, 2005.
5. Report 2005 Annual Meeting, "Friends of Bedford Park, Board Meeting October 17, 2005."

Approved with corrections