



Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, November 4, 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, November 4, 2005. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:31 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, October Sales Report, 10/31/05." Most item sales were down for a year ago, primarily because only 40% of the shifts were covered in October. Some discussion was held as to find more volunteers

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, November 4, 2005." On October 26, 2005, our unrestricted balance was \$4,172.94..

Mr. Stickney presented a membership report, November 4, 2005. There were twelve renewals received. We presently have 338 members.

Mr. Sampson reported that he and Mr. Stickney have been coming to the Freight House on Tuesday evenings to sort and file.

He requested that any appropriate material be given to them for filing.

Mr. Shea reported the Depot Park Advisory Board didn't meet last month, but he anticipates that the closing for renovations will be in January 2006.

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.

The environmental remediation for RDC 6211 has been completed and there will be a meeting at the DPW soon to schedule additional work on the car,

Mr. Leary is planning to advertise the Freight House Holliday Sales in several places: Bedford Minute Man, the Globe's Northwest Weekly, Action Unlimited, BCAT Bulletin Board, posters at several locations including the CoA, Job Lane House, and selected businesses.

Mr. Sampson had several comments:
ü The removal of the coffee maker takes

away the ability for the volunteers to have coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. What can we do to make such items available to the Freight House Staff?

The general membership meeting with Kevin Farrell will be held in the Bedford Free Public Library on March 11, 2006 at 2:00 pm with the meeting room is reserved from 1:30 to 3:30. The honorarium to Mr. Ferrell will be \$100.00 and the rental, \$42.00

Could we be open next summer with something like a "Chuck Wagon" trailer or similar shelter. (Apparently the Town frowns on such ideas. JS)

What are the status of Boardman IV? (Boardman I is in house and Boardman IV has been ordered. JS)

He purchased two 8 X 10 photos of the Freight House in the 1952 from Mystic Valley Railway while on a fan trip.

Via telephone he has learned that Mr. Dickey plans to have work days on the Interpretive Narrow-gauge Track in November if his personal situation permits.

Mr. Filios gave two coupons for Staples to assist in future purchases.

Mr. Ruetenik reported that the study for extending the bikeway on the Reformatory branch is under way. It should be available for the Annual Town Meeting

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

- v Agenda
- v Bedford Freight House, October Sales Report, 10/31/05,
- v Financial Summary, November 4, 2005,
- v membership report, November 4, 2005,
- v Report 2005 Annual Meeting, "Friends of Bedford Park, Board Meeting October 17, 2005."

Approved with corrections December 16, 2005