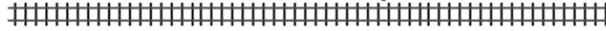




## Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.



### *Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, December 16, 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, December 16, 2005.

Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, James Shea, and Edward Stickney. The meeting was postponed from the previous week due to heavy snow.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, November 2005 Sales Report, 11/30/05." All category sales were down from a year ago except snacks and FBDP merchandise.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed the "Financial Summary, December 2, 2005." On October 26, 2005, our unrestricted balance was \$4,385.51.

Mr. Stickney presented a membership report, December 2, 2005. There were twelve renewals received. We presently have 340 members.

Mr. Leary is working on a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for restoring the exterior of the Depot at the appropriate time. Richard Jones, Town Facilities Director, has contacted Ms. Lynn Spencer -- a historic preservation specialist who worked on Old Town Hall -- to determine the cost to prepare planning documents for the Depot renovation. With

the estimate, Mr. Leary will request 50-50 grants from MHC and Bedford CPC to fund the study. The planning documents will be for the exterior but perhaps with suggestions for interior work also.

The officers met December 2, 2005 to plan for the closing of the Freight House in preparation for renovation. Storage space will be made available in the basement of the Depot. A list of the necessary work, "Freight House Closing Notes December 2, 2005" was distributed. Work afternoons are planned for Tuesdays, starting January 2, 2005.

Mr. Shea distributed "2006 BoD meeting schedule." Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month unless it would be the first or second of the month, then the meeting will be held on the second Friday.

The numbers of Bedford Depot Mugs is quite low. Mr. Leary will check the vendor for a quote and report back.

Mr. Sampson will check with the Lexington schools about purchasing our left over plastic bottle drinks. He also asked for an appropriate posters for use at Amherst show.

Mr. Ruetenik reported that the planning report for the Reformarty Branch extension of the bikeway has been received.

Mr. Leary had a clipping of the Western State Heritage Park and asked if it

would be an appropriate destination for an excursion. The feeling was that it was a good idea, but had to be integrated with a more railroad attraction to make the trip desirable.

Mr. Sampson reported the HO scale 6211 motor brushes are worn out. He will try to get the unit repaired.

Mr. Stickney asked. "What should be the renewal gifts for the next year?" We agreed FBDP postcards.

The minutes of the November 4, 2005, meeting were distributed. Mr. Sampson moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Leary seconded and it was VOTED 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

George F. Dalrymple,  
Secretary

Distributed at meeting

- Agenda, December 9, 2005
- Bedford Freight House, November 2005 Sales Report, 11/30/05,
- Financial Summary, December 2, 2005,
- membership report, November 4, 2005,
- Freight House Closing Notes December 2, 2005, and
- 2006 BoD meeting schedule.

Approved With corrections, February 3, 2006