

*Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, May 5, 2006*

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at Bedford Free Public Library Conference Room on Friday, May 5, 2006. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:40 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, April 2006 Sales Report, 4/30/06." . Comparison with last year was not available today.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed "Financial Summary, May 2, 2006." The unrestricted balance is \$5,452.44.

Mr. Stickney distributed "Membership Report, May 5, 2006." During the month we received sixteen renewals and one upgrade to life family membership. A donation of \$10.00 was made to the Preservation fund. Presently the best estimate of active members is 324. The membership list will be reviewed to verify that only members that are up to date, or nearly up to date are listed as active members.

Mr. Leary reported that the Town has received a provisional grant of \$24,000.00 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for an architectural study of the Depot building. This is in addition to the \$16,000.00 appropriated from Community Preservation funds at this 2006 Annual Town

Meeting. The grant is contingent on the town administrator responding by May 15, 2006 and the Facility Directors attending a workshop, probably to be held in late May.

Mr. Sampson reported that the next external sale will be at Bedford Day in September.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to delay the professional reproduction of Boardman II DVDs. Mr. Leary moved that the additional Boardman 16 mm film available to us be transferred with a maximum cost of \$1,000.00. Mr. Dalrymple seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

Possible candidates to join Mr. Leary on the Financial Audit Committee are Eric Michelson of Lexington -- proposed by Mr. Sampson, and John Cabin of Bedford proposed by Mr. Dalrymple. Mr. Leary will propose a charge to be presented next Month when action should be taken.

Mr. Sampson expressed his displeasure of not having ready access to the Depot storage area. The details of the key situation is unclear, but apparently the Town is unwilling to provide more than two keys to the organization. Previously all the officers had keys to the Freight House.

A question was asked of the status of the Reformatory branch rail trail. Mr.

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Ruetenik responded that data has been requested of the present utilization of the trail. Appropriate answers are not presently available.

Mr. Sampson asked if the stone dust necessary to continue the work on the Interpretive Track Project has been ordered, or has there been any contact with Mr. Dickey recently. The stone dust has not been ordered and there has been no contact recently with Mr. Dickey.

At a previous hobby show, the new owners of Edaville Railroad showed interest in stocking Boardman IV DVD as it has scenes from the original system. However we have had no further contact with them.

Mr. Sampson suggested a trip in late September. Bus to Meredith, NH, then rail to Lakeport and back to the Weirs. Then take the Mount Washington ship to Wolfeboro, with time available for either the Klicky-Klack model train museum or the Wright Museum (WWII), before the bus picks us up to return. Mr. Leary offered to help in the project. No action was taken.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of April 7, 2006 were distributed. Mr. Stickney moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Filios seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-1. It was noted that the storage charges in Billerica was incorrectly reported at the previous meeting. The correct number is \$1,1287.43 was paid in three installments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.

George F; Dalrymple  
Secretary

Distributed at meeting:

- ü Agenda, May 5, 2006,
- ü Bedford Freight House, April 2006 Sales Report, 4/30/06,
- ü Financial Summary, May 2, 2006, and
- ü Membership Report, May 5, 2006.

Approved with corrections June 9, 2006