



## Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.

*Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, February 9, 2007*

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at the Bedford Free Public Library Conference Room on Friday, February 9, 2007. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, James Shea, and Edward Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., January 2007 Sales Report, 12/31/06." He also distributed "Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., 2006 Sales Totals, 2/09/07."

Mr. Dalrymple distributed "Financial Summary, February 7, 2007." The unrestricted balance on January 25 was \$3,364.68. After the Amherst receipts were added the unrestricted balance on February 2 was \$5,716.14.

Mr. Stickney distributed "Membership Report, February 9, 2007." During the month we received thirteen renewals, a Senior Individual membership, a Lifetime Family membership, a donation of \$50.00 and Preservation Fund donations of \$5.00. Presently we have 303 active members.

The Amherst Railway Society show at the Big E in West Springfield on January 27 and 28 was our best show financially. Mr. Sampson reported that preliminary receipts were \$2306. Planned shows this spring include :

Mystic Valley Rail-A-Rama in Foxboro on February 25;  
Train Show at the Middlesex Canal Museum on March 4 in Billerica;  
South Shore Railway Society Show on March 25 in Hingham;  
Nashua Valley on May 5 in Bolton;  
and  
National Narrow Gauge Convention in Portland, Maine August 29th through September 1st.

Mr. Shea reported that to produce 500 copies of Films of John M. Boardman, Vol. 2, DVD would cost \$1,503 and 300 copies would be \$1,413. After some discussion, Mr. Leary moved that we purchase 500 copies of Vol. 2, Mr. Sampson seconded, and it was VOTED 6-0-0.

We have about 36 VHS copies of "The Billerica & Bedford 125th Anniversary." At the Amherst show we sold the last copy of "The Last Train to Bedford." Mr. Shea reported that to make

500 copies of a DVD combining these two videos with "6211 Crosses the Road," would cost \$1,095 and 300 copies would cost \$990. Since it would be desirable to have these for the National Narrow Gauge Convention, Mr. Leary moved that we purchase 500 copies after the Boardman Vol. 2 is completed. Mr. Sampson seconded. It was VOTED 6-0-0.

Mr. Ruetenik reported that the Bicycle Advisory Committee held an open meeting, January 31, where the public is invited to present their views of the of the Reformatory Branch Rail Trail future characteristics. Approximately 100 people attended -- about 10 spoke in improving the trail and about the same number spoke against improvements. Much of the discussion concerned the surface treatment, asphalt, Stabilized Soil, or untreated. As a result of this meeting the Community Preservation Committee will present to the Annual Town Meeting a request for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the architect to determine the surfaces that the Federal Transportation Improvement Program will fund if the Town proceeds with the improvement. A design article could appear at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Shea reported that Mr. Filios has resigned from the Board. Mr. Shea will contact the Chamber of Commerce as to the vacancy of their representee on our Board requesting an appointment.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 5, 2007, were distributed. Mr. Leary moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Stickney seconded and it was VOTED 5-0-1.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

George F. Dalrymple  
Secretar

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12/31/06,"  
"Friends of Bedford Depot Park,  
Inc., 2006 Sales Totals, 2/09/07."  
"Financial Summary, February 7,  
2007," and  
"Membership Report, February 9,  
2007."

Approved with corrections March 9, 2007