



Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, March 9, 2007

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at the Bedford Free Public Library Conference Room on Friday, March 9, 2007. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, James Shea, and Edward Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the “Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., February 2007 Sales Report, 02/28/07.” The large increase in FBDP Merchandise was the Amherst Show income was not posted until February.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed “Financial Summary, March 7, 2007.” The unrestricted balance on February 26 was \$6,420.92. Also distributed was “Annual Financial Report, 2006, March 3, 2007.” We had a negative cash flow due to reimbursements to the Depot Park Revolving Fund (2005 Freight House Food and Drink Profits), to the various Non-Profits (Second half 2005 receipts), and the moving and storage costs due to closing of the Freight House for renovations.

Mr. Stickney distributed “Membership Report, March 9, 2007.” During the month we received seven renewals, a Senior Individual membership, an upgrade to Senior Lifetime Individual membership, a donation of \$10.00 and Preservation Fund

donations of \$35.00. Presently we have 304 active members.

Mr. Sampson reported that the Mystic Valley Rail-A-Rama in Foxboro on February 25 was successful with gross income of \$904.44. The Train Show at the Middlesex Canal Museum on March 4 in Billerica was also very good. David Dalrymple and his family help close the so that Mr. Sampson could go for a special visit to CVS 67, the USS John F. Kennedy, the aircraft carrier, on its final visit as a commissioned ship to Boston. The remaining shows this spring are:

- ü South Shore Railway Society Show on March 25 in Hingham, and
- ü Nashoba Valley on May 5 in Bolton.

Mr. Shea reported that phase one of the Depot Architectural Study is completed. It recommends replacing the roof and work to stabilize the first floor. To fund the work the town has requested a matching grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for \$62,000. At the Annual Town Meeting there is an item in the Community Preservation article for \$72,000. The Town expects to hear from the state in June. Phase two of the study considers the possible uses of the building and the necessary remodeling of the interior.

Mr. Shea has recorded an interview with Mr. Paul Harling who rode in the cab of a steam locomotive on the last “official” day of steam operation on the B&M Excerpts .of the interview are presently on the web site. When the interview is transcribed it will appear in the Bedford Depot News.

Mr. Sampson asked what is the status of replacing Mr. Filios on the Board of Directors. The Chamber of Commerce has been notified and has not yet replied.

We have received no updates on the status of the Freight Houses renovations. The heating and electrical systems have been installed in RDC 6211. The luggage racks have been installed. The next step will be painting the interior.

Mr. Sampson asked if we should plan an excursion and/or programs similar to the one we had with Mr. Farrell this fall or winter season.

He also brought a map of the Lexington’s Boston & Lowell rail yards published by Environmental Data Resources in 1887. He has three other maps while it was B & M, dated; 1927, 1950, and 1961 published by a sequence of organizations with Sanborn in their name.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of October 6, 2006 , were distributed by Mr. Sampson Mr. Stickney moved that they be accepted with corrections, Mr. Shea second and it was VOTED 4-0-1.. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of

February 9, 2007 were distributed. Mr. Sampson moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Stickney seconded and it was VOTED 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

George F. Dalrymple
Secretary

Distributed at meeting:

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“Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.,
February 2007 Sales Report, 02/28/07;”
“Financial Summary, March 7, 2007;”
“Annual Financial Report, 2006, March 3,
2007;” and
“Membership Report, March 9, 2007.”

Approved with corrections May 4, 2007