



## Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.

### *Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, May 4, 2007*

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at the Bedford Free Public Library Conference Room on Friday, May 4, 2007. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:39 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, and James Shea.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., April 2007 Sales Report, 04/30/07." The decrease in FBPD Merchandise sales was because the Nashoba Valley Show was held in May -- not April -- this year.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed "Financial Summary, May 2, 2007." The unrestricted balance on May 2 was \$4,324.99. We had a negative cash flow as there was a DVD duplication.

Mr. Stickney had previously left in the Conference Room copies of "Membership Report, May 4, 2007." During the month we received fourteen renewals, an Individual membership, an upgrade to Family membership, a donation of \$10.00 (and a Preservation Fund donation of \$10.00). Presently we have 304 active members.

Mr. Ruetenik reported that the Town's Annual Town Meeting approved a study of the type of pavement that would be reimbursable for the Reformatory Branch Trail. Further action awaits the results of this study.

Mr. Shea reported that a preliminary phase two report of the Depot study considered possible uses of the building and the necessary remodeling of the interior.

- Single floor restaurant;

- Single floor office, retail or other public functions or
- Partial second floor in addition to first floor for office, retail or other public functions

The estimated cost ranged from approximately \$970,000 to \$1,030,000. The study looked at the financial implications of the possible uses over a 20 year period and projected slightly positive cash flow. Further action depends of various town boards and committees before a final decision can be reached by the Town. The final report by the architect is due by the end of June. The future status of the Freight House is still to be determined.

Mr. Sampson reported that the only scheduled show is Bedford Day. He is contemplating several shows in the fall. They are:

- August/September, National Narrow Gauge Convention in Portland ME;
- September, Pepperell;
- October, Wakefield;
- October, South Shore; and

Mr. Shea reported the supply of #10 envelopes is almost exhausted. The cost for 2,500 is \$142.00. A smaller quantity would have a higher per unit cost. The consensus is to purchase the 2,500.

Mr. Sampson reported that the cost of the storage space in Billerica is now \$129.99 per month with a discount of one month if the space is rented by the year. We have a 10 X 15 foot space. We agreed to pay by the month until the move is feasible. Mr. Sampson has located a barn in Lexington that we can use for free. The floor needs repair but it should be fixed and available during the next month. The owner is Richard Michelson.

Mr. Sampson noted that side lettering has been done on the RDC 6211 and he has learned that B & M Heralds will be on the ends. Mr. Shea reported that most of the necessary work prior to interior painting has been done.

Mr. Sampson reported that the Lexington Town Meeting has appropriated \$175,000 to repave half of the Minuteman Bikeway in their town with plans to finish the job next year. The rumble strips warning of street crossings will be eliminated as they have caused accidents to rollerbladers.

Mr. Leary reported that Al Fay has approached him about an excursion to Booth Bay Harbor where there is an operating railroad attraction. The consensus is that it would be an overnight trip, something we have not done in the past.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 9, 2007 were distributed. Mr. Sampson moved that they be accepted with corrections. Mr. Ruetenik seconded and it was VOTED 4-0-1.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

George F. Dalrymple  
Secretary

Distributed at meeting:

- Agenda, May 4, 2007,
- “Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., April 2007 Sales Report, 04/30/07,”
- “Financial Summary, May 2, 2007,” and
- “Membership Report, May 4, 2007.”

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