



Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.

Board Meeting, Friends of Bedford Depot Park, September 7, 2007

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at the Bedford Free Public Library Conference Room on Friday, September 7, 2007. Chairman Jim Shea called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, Neil Leary, Barry Sampson, James Shea, and Ed Stickney.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., August 2007 Sales Report, 08/31/07." August 2007 gross receipts were 180% over August 2006, primarily due to a greater number of membership renewals. The total receipts for the fiscal year, September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 was \$13,152.80, including Dues of \$2,245.00.

Mr. Dalrymple distributed "Financial Summary, September, 2, 2007." The unrestricted balance on August 23, 2007 was \$4,824.44.

Mr. Stickney distributed "Membership Report, September 7, 2007." During the month we received sixteen renewals, including a downgrade from Family to Individual membership, and an upgrade to Family Life membership. A Preservation Fund donation of \$10.00 was also received. Presently we have 293 active members.

Mr. Shea reported the gross receipts for the fiscal year, September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 was \$13,152.80. Merchandise sales were \$9,752.97 providing a profit of \$5,943.59 on the sales.

We have received a two volume draft "Depot Architectural Study." The study documents the present renovation of the building and presents two phases for restoration. The first phase suggests that the roof be replaced, the first floor stabilized and some brick work repaired. Phase two presents two possible basic floor plans and suggests possible uses for the building. Before the 2007 Annual Town Meeting the town applied for a grant, \$72,500.00, that would require the Town match. An appropriation of \$72,500.00 that was at that Town Meeting. The grant was not approved and some additional money will probably be needed to do the roof repairs with the remainder of phase one delayed. Phase two status will be determined by the Town at a latter date. Mr. Shea plans to scan some of the figures and place them on our web page.

Mr. Shea reported that the DVD, Boardman Volume 6 duplication costs will be \$2,371.13 for 1,000 copies. The upfront costs were paid during the volume 4 production. One third of that cost will be applied to the projected cost of volume 6. Mr. Leary moved and Mr. Dalrymple second that we proceed with the production of volume 6. It was VOTED 5-0-0. Mr. Shea suggests that volume 6 will be available for late fall or early winter sales. He has sufficient material still available for volume 7.

Mr. Sampson reported that the CVS in Lexington has a window display of several photos including one of the Lexington yard including the Lexington Freight House with a car on its siding.

Mr. Leary noted that an investment house, Fidelity, has a checking account paying 3.75%. He will investigate it further

The status of the B&B Interpretive Track was discussed. Mr. Stickney will contact the Town about the steps necessary to install the commemorative plaque on Loomis Street. Mr. Sampson will contact Mr. Dickey about additional track work.

Mr. Sampson reported that there three shows presently scheduled:

- September, Bedford Day;
- October, Wakefield; and
- October, South Shore

He is presently looking for one more this year.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

George F. Dalrymple
Secretary

.Distributed at meeting:

- Agenda, September 7, 2007,
- “Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc., August 2007 Sales Report, 08/31/07.”
- “Financial Summary, September, 2, 2007,” and
- “Membership Report, September 7, 2007.”

Approved with corrections, November 9,
2007