

BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 17, 2005

MINUTES

Committee members in attendance: Joseph Piantedosi (JP); Jim Shea (JS)

Ex-officio committee members in attendance: Angelo Colao (AC), Selectman liaison to Depot Park; Richard Jones (RJ), Facilities Director; Rick Reed (RR), Town Administrator; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:46 P.M. at Bedford Freight House, 120 South Road.

RJ introduced architect Patrick Guthrie from Menders, Torrey & Spencer. He provided Mr. Guthrie with an overview of the Freight House renovation project and the future need for interior improvements. The committee discussed how the Freight House may be utilized in the future. Depending upon which building materials are selected, Mr. Guthrie estimated the cost of interior renovations to range between \$20 and \$80 per square foot. JP asked Mr. Guthrie to assist the committee in drafting simple conceptual plans for the Freight House interior.

So that design decisions may be made, JP asked that a financial projection be made for the Revolving Fund. He added that the committee ought to focus on project timing and phasing.

RJ discussed with the committee the Town permitting process for the future Freight House work.

AC asked how the rail car will be used in conjunction with the Freight House. RW said the car's baggage compartment would provide supplementary display space. Seats will not be reinstalled in the car's smaller passenger section, offering additional utility space if needed. JS projected that the car would be open to the public at times when the Freight House is open. RW suggested that a web camera be installed inside the car for monitoring and security. JS said that this may be accomplished fairly easily.

The committee agreed that JS will draft the FY2005 report for the Bedford Annual Report.

JP made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15 and July 20 meetings. JS seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

JS proposed that the committee continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. The members agreed to this schedule.

At 4:56 P.M., JP made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JS seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the committee at its meeting of September 21, 2005.