

BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 21, 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; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Guests in attendance: Robert Slechta (RS),

Ex-officio committee member not in attendance: Rick Reed, Town Administrator

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M. at Bedford Freight House, 120 South Road.

RJ distributed a draft of a letter of intent to file a grant application with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). This application will be evaluated by the MHC to determine whether Bedford's proposed Depot architectural study is eligible for future grant consideration. JP noted that the Selectmen have given their approval to seek this architectural study grant.

The committee worked on refining the draft. The members agreed that the letter would propose studying the building to develop future plans to restore it to its original 1874 appearance. RJ asked who is the applicant of record. RS suggested that the applicant is the Depot Park Advisory Committee in consultation with the Historic Preservation Commission. RJ said he would send a final version of the letter to the MHC on December 22.

RW noted that traffic signals were installed at the South Road/Railroad Avenue/Loomis Street intersection. Once the signals are connected to power by N-STAR, they will be activated in flash mode. They will be placed in normal timed cycle mode after drivers have an opportunity to become acclimated to their presence. He added that bicycle loop detectors are part of the signal circuit.

RW said he will check with the Massachusetts Highway Department about their bid advertising of the Freight House renovation project.

JP made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21 meeting. JS seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

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RJ suggested that Friends of Bedford Depot Park be ready to leave the Freight House by the end of January. Then, he will work with RW to have new support beams installed in the building. The Facilities Department will provide temporary storage space in the Depot basement for the Freight House contents. RJ said he will arrange to have the three-bay sink in the Freight House removed.

JP commented that JS's proposed 2006 meeting schedule appears good. The committee will continue to normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

JS and JP agreed to meet at the Freight House on December 30 to evaluate options for interior renovations.

At 4:49 P.M., JS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JP 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 January 18, 2006.