

BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of January 18, 2006

MINUTES

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

Ex-officio committee members in attendance: none

Ex-officio committee members not 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 4:12 P.M. at Bedford Freight House, 120 South Road.

JP phoned Richard Jones during the meeting to get an update on the status of his preliminary grant application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). JP relayed that Mr. Jones said he has not yet received word from MHC, but that he will contact us once he does.

JP reported that the Community Preservation Committee reacted favorably to the committee's matching funds request for an architectural study of the Depot. He said that the Finance Committee will consider the request at its February 2 meeting.

JS conveyed an update he received from Rich Warrington about the Freight House renovation project. He said that the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) placed the bid advertising on temporary hold until the Bedford building inspector okays the plans. Mr. Warrington was to meet soon with the building inspector to review the plans.

The committee discussed the status of the rail car renovation project. JS conveyed that Rich Warrington is organizing a meeting between consultant Dan O'Brien and an electrician to design the car's electrical system. Also, JS said that Mr. O'Brien told him that he is focussing on having door locks installed. During the meeting, JP phoned his brother, an electrical contractor, to ask questions about the state's electrical code as it may pertain to the rail car.

The committee discussed the status of the Depot rental situation. JS suggested that there be a memorandum of understanding between the Town and tenants-at-will. JP outlined some of the language that might be in such a memo.

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

The committee discussed how plans for interior Freight House renovations might impact the existing architectural design for the exterior work. JP proposed issuing an addendum to the MHD plans to relocate the electrical room. This change would create a better use of interior space, JP said.

JS said he expects to attend the Planning Board's January 24 meeting about a proposed mixed use zoning bylaw that would target the Depot Park area.

JP said that he will contact the other committee members to schedule another meeting soon.

At 5:22 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 26, 2006.