

BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 15, 2006

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

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

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:39 P.M. at Bedford Freight House, 120 South Road.

JP asked for an update on the Freight House renovation project. RW reported that the Massachusetts Highway Department does not know what funds they possess or may release. The architectural plans were revised to accommodate a mop sink in the hot water heater room, he added.

RJ, RW and JP discussed starting the work necessary to install new support beams inside the Freight House. An environmental check of the interior will be done before proceeding, RJ said. The Facilities Department intends to start work inside the Freight House in early April.

JS inquired about the status of space inside the Depot basement to store the Freight House contents. RJ said he will check what progress has been made to remove the items that currently occupy this room. If the basement space is available the following week, JS believes that volunteers could clear out the Freight House by the weekend of April 1.

The Committee discussed ways to minimize Freight House utility costs once the building is emptied and closed.

RJ reported that Depot tenant Donald Varney has paid back rent and is now current.

RW said that he wishes to rent a box truck to pick up the rail car's refurbished seats and radiator covers. These components will be stored until the phase in the project when they will be needed, he explained. Electrical work is the next phase.

RJ presented a Depot Park Revolving Fund financial statement. JS conveyed a check to RJ in the amount of \$4,052.90. The Friends of Bedford Depot Park raised this money from food sales at the Freight House during 2005. The payment will increase the Revolving Fund balance to approximately \$75,000.

The Committee discussed the Planning Board's proposed mixed-use bylaw amendment as it pertains to the Depot Park area.

RW said that he is awaiting an insurance settlement before making repairs to a light fixture, a traffic signal, and two granite bollards at Depot Park.

JP made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 22 meeting. JS seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

At 4:32 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 April 26, 2006.