

# **BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of May 17, 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 Manager

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

JP asked for an update on the Freight House renovation project. RW reported that the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) is delaying bid advertisements until regional divisions determine how to implement their projects with reduced Federal funds. JS said that according to the state's Transportation Improvement Plan, the Freight House project is programmed for fiscal year 2006. The Committee discussed what might be done to advance the enhancement project. JP said he will inquire with a MHD official.

RJ said that he sent a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission confirming Bedford's acceptance of a matching grant for a Depot architectural study.

RW provided an update on the rail car project. Consultant Dan O'Brien is working on the scope of work for the electrical installation. The MBTA has donated baggage racks. JP asked how long until the electrical work begins. RW said one to two months.

RJ reported on the work being carried out by the Facilities Department on the Freight House beams. He estimates that one more session is needed to complete the job. JP said that he plans to examine the recent progress.

JS asked about the three-bay sink that remains inside the building. RJ said that the Facilities Department will remove it.

RJ said that the items under the stairs in the Depot have been cleared.

RW and RJ discussed how a Depot tenant has been placing trash in the DPW's dumpster. JP and RJ began to draft a set of rules that would be issued to tenants. The Committee pondered insurance questions. RJ said he will check whether a party is subleasing space from one of the tenants.

RJ said there has been no significant change to the Depot Park Revolving Fund balance since the last meeting.

JS inquired when repairs would be made to the turf that was dug up by Keyspan at the Railroad Avenue/South Road intersection. RW said that he has attempted to investigate this matter with the company.

JS conveyed that a Depot Park user asked when sand would be cleaned up from the sidewalks and parking lots. RW said that the DPW plans to do this soon.

JP made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 26 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 July 19, 2006.