

BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 25, 2006

MINUTES

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

Ex-officio committee members in attendance: Richard Jones (RJ), Facilities Director; Rick Reed (RR), Town Manager; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Angelo Colao (AC), Selectman liaison to Depot Park

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:40 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

RJ reported that the Selectmen authorized RR to execute a contract with Menders, Torrey & Spencer, Inc., (MTS) to perform an architectural study of Bedford Depot. He will verify that the contract that MTS will send to him is complete before it is signed. Carr, Lynch & Sandell, Inc., one of the three competing applicants, called RJ to inquire why they were not selected.

RJ asked committee members when they are available to meet with MTS for a kick-off meeting, preferably on a Wednesday or a Thursday within the next couple weeks. He expects to have a preliminary cost estimate for the design phase in time for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. The architectural study is supposed to be finished by June 2007.

RW informed the committee that the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) has delayed the Freight House bid opening to April 3 and 18, 2007. The committee discussed possible ways to respond to the state's ongoing delays with this project. RR said that he will contact MHD Commissioner Luisa Paiewonsky. He asked RW for the project number and background information.

RW provided an update on the rail car project. The furnace has been installed. The Town's building inspector said that permits need to be pulled for the furnace and gas line installations. The underground gas line must be made of plastic. The Facilities Department's plumber is not certified to work in plastic pipe—so Bedford Mechanical is to be hired to do the installation with assistance from the DPW's back-hoe. The DPW picked up and washed the ceiling panels. Some are in rough shape, RW noted. Bedford Mechanical will deliver the air conditioner's condenser unit to the DPW for storage until such time that it may be installed.

RJ said that there have been no significant changes to the Depot Park Revolving Fund since the last meeting.

The committee discussed a tenant's unauthorized use of a Depot basement unit. RJ said that he will investigate this matter.

RW said that the landscaping at Depot Park is in pretty good shape. There is a safety recall on

the lights, he noted. The manufacturer is to furnish a retrofit kit to more securely attach each globe to its fixture.

JS asked whether a contractor ought to be hired next season to attend to Depot Park's landscaping. RW said that the DPW grounds crew could handle this work. It's a matter of getting the Depot Park area programmed into their routine, he explained.

JP reported that he spoke with a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 76 Loomis Street about maintaining their own grounds.

JS distributed information he received from Timothy Fillion, 44 Gould Road, about the presence of a Billerica & Bedford Railroad locomotive boiler on display in Phillips, Maine. The committee asked JS to write a letter to the owner to inquire about the possibility of the artifact being returned to Bedford for public display.

DC made a motion to accept the September 27 meeting minutes. JP seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 5:24 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 November 21, 2006.