



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of February 14, 2007

MINUTES

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

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

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Angelo Colao (AC), Selectman liaison to Depot Park; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:41 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

RJ said that he wishes to get agreement from the Committee on what Depot renovations ought to be proposed in his grant application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). The application is due on February 21. DC noted that the MHC would decide by mid-June which grants to award, and that projects carried out with MHC funds must be completed within one year.

RJ noted that the roof and first floor structural stabilization are listed as priorities in the draft Depot architectural study from Menders, Torrey & Spencer (MTS). The architect estimates that roof replace would cost \$93,000 and first floor stabilization \$30,000. The Committee discussed the relative merits of bidding out these projects together or separately.

The Committee members agreed to propose both roof replacement and first floor stabilization in the MHC grant application. DC explained that the Community Preservation Committee will endorse a match of up to \$72,500 in their Annual Town Meeting funding article. RJ said that MTS would be hired as the architect and clerk of the works should the renovation project go forward. He observed that the specifications for a Depot cedar roof could be derived from the specifications already written for the planned Freight House cedar roof. This ought to save on architectural costs.

RR and DC conveyed the Finance Committee's request for a Depot Park business plan. JP proposed that the entire Committee meet with the Finance Committee to discuss a financial model for Depot Park.

The Committee discussed how to organize its scheduled meeting with MTS on February 21.

At 4:50 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 accepted by unanimous vote of the Committee at its meeting of February 21, 2007.