



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of November 6, 2007

MINUTES

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

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Angelo Colao, Selectman liaison; Richard Jones (RJ), Facilities Director; Rick Reed (RR), Town Manager; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Others in attendance: Althea Yates, Barry Sampson, Marietta Ellis, Neil Leary, Margaret Leary and George Dalrymple

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

JP welcomed the visitors at the meeting. He presented a slide show that covered the history and accomplishments of the Depot Park project and highlighted the findings of the recent Depot architectural study. After the presentation, he invited questions from the public.

Althea Yates, president of the Bedford Historical Society, asked when the Town would fund renovations of the Depot. JP explained that the Committee has not recommended that the Town pay for a full building renovation that would include the interior. In the near term, the Town is to pay for a new roof. We will look for other funding sources and grants to help pay for future building renovations that are compatible with the Preservation Plan.

Ms. Yates inquired whether the Depot's interior walls could be removed to create a larger space. JP answered that significant modification of the inside walls would be in conflict with fire and building codes.

Neil Leary, a director of the Bedford Historical Society, asked a similar question about removing walls on the first floor to create a larger space.

Ms. Yates asked whether tenants would be allowed to affix signs to the building. JP said that such permission would be part of a rental agreement with the tenant and be subject to the Town's bylaws.

Ms. Yates requested a copy of the rental RFP once the Town advertises it.

The Committee discussed how the rental RFP might impact the current lease to Babe Ruth Baseball.

The Committee discussed the Special Town Meeting article that funded replacement of the Depot roof and the steps that would be necessary to implement this work. JP suggested that the Committee review the proposed roofing materials such as copper gutters and cedar shingles.

The Committee contemplated what additional improvements might be made to the Depot building after the roofing project is finished.

The Committee discussed how A.D.A. requirements might influence building usage and future renovation options.

At 9:29 P.M., JS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. DC seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee at its meeting of November 20, 2007.