



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of October 8, 2008

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; Richard Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Angelo Colao, Selectman Liaison; Rick Reed, Town Manager

Chairman JP called the meeting to order at 3:50 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

RW said that the Freight House renovation project is inching along. He provided an update on recent progress:

- Footings for the ramp sections of the platform have been installed;
- The platform was modified so that the railroad car would not need to be moved;
- Concrete was poured today for a sidewalk alongside the building;
- The concrete slab and walls for the restrooms addition are completed;
- A concrete pad behind the building is ready to receive the air conditioner condenser units;
- Installation of siding on the building is about 80% complete;
- Exterior doors have been mounted.

RJ joined the meeting at 3:54 P.M.

RW noted that since the railroad car is not to be moved as originally planned, the platform would be adjacent to the car's side door at the eastern end. The Committee discussed the possible implications of not having this door usable. RW said that he would check the plans to see whether the platform's handicap access railing would interfere with the car's side door. JS inquired whether the flat portion of the platform would be flush with one of the car's side door steps. RW answered that the architectural plans do not show this level of detail.

RW said that the gas meter that is in front of the railroad car at its eastern end is to be relocated after the platform is finished. This would allow a refurbished pilot (plow) to be reattached to the car.

The Committee discussed which tasks remain to be accomplished with the railroad car renovation project and possible methods for their completion. RW said that the Community Preservation funds may not be used to pay for DPW labor to work on the car. JP suggested that we hire outside labor, if necessary, to complete the remaining work, and that a “punch list” be reviewed at the next Committee meeting to determine priorities.

RJ distributed a Depot Park Revolving Fund financial statement dated 9/17/08. The current balance is \$57,513.05.

JP said he has not heard any new information from Rick Reed or Fay Russo about plans for future rental of the railroad car. RJ and RW commented that an occupancy permit would not be required for the car. The Code Enforcement Director’s chief interest is platform accessibility, they said.

RJ provided an update on the Depot roof replacement project. He expects the construction RFP to be advertised at the end of October. From the time that the Notice to Proceed is issued by the Town, the contractor would have 45 days to complete the project with allowances made for any inclement weather that might occur during that period. DC observed that a substantial amount of painting is to be part of this project.

JP asked RJ whether we could meet with a designer to work on the interior Freight House buildout/fit-out. RJ said he would make arrangements next week.

DC explained that the Community Preservation Committee has endorsed an article slated for Special Town Meeting to transfer \$10,000 from the railroad car renovation account to a new account to be used for interior Freight House buildout/fit-out. JS expressed that he would prefer to have the railroad car’s punch list completed before removing funds from the account. DC suggested that the Committee could make a future request to the Community Preservation Committee if additional funds were needed to complete the railroad car renovations.

RW noted that he canceled the proposed “open house” for state and local officials on October 20 because the Freight House project is not expected to be finished by then.

JP scheduled the next meeting for October 22 at 3:30 P.M.

JP invited a motion on the meeting minutes of August 20. DC made a motion to accept the minutes of this meeting. JP seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

At 5:11 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 1/22/09.