



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of June 3, 2009

MINUTES

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

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

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Angelo Colao, Selectman Liaison

Others in attendance: Daniel O'Brien, railroad car consultant

Chairman Joseph Piantedosi called the meeting to order at the railroad car at 120 South Road.

RW provided an update about the Freight House renovation project. He asked the state's contractor to perform another check of their work. The Town's code enforcement director has visited the site to review various aspects of the work. Some alterations will be required with the restrooms and elsewhere. Signs are needed to explain the operation of the restroom doors. RW would like to apply a coat of paint that contains grit to the platform. He has not yet found a suitable light fixture for the platform side of the building. Adjustments to some things will occur over time, RW noted.

RW said that skaters have caused some damage to the platform's railings. JS proposed that gates be installed at both ends of the platform and that they be closed when the Freight House is not open. JP suggested that there be "no trespassing after sunset" signage at the site.

RJ commented that the restrooms are to be opened to the public on the weekend of June 13.

RW said that the railroad car renovations are essentially done. A side door step modification is to be picked up from a metal fabricator today. RJ and RW are working together to install closers on three interior doors. Security system and voice/data/CATV wiring is to be run between the Freight House and railroad car.

RR joined the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

Dan O'Brien remarked that the railroad car continues to have a roof leak. A puddle forms on the floor after a heavy rain. The project's supplemental funding includes \$1,000 to locate and patch the leak.

RJ said that he would ask a custodian to clean the railroad car prior to the June 15th “ribbon cutting.”

RJ provided an update about the interior fit-out of the Freight House. The work ought to be finished by Monday, June 8. Formica countertops have been purchased. The appliances are expected to arrive by Friday, June 12. The second floor has not yet been rehabbed.

JS questioned how the health permit would be acquired and whether he is expected to have any involvement with the process.

RJ updated the Committee on the Depot roof project. The contractor has completed their work on the soffits and replaced a section of a signal mast that had ant damage. The contractor has acquired the permits necessary to remove the old shingles; they expect to start this work on Monday, June 8.

RW asked whether the train order signal blades ought to be repainted as part of the roof project. JS observed that the blades appear faded and would benefit by a fresh coat of paint in the same colors. He added that while the contractor is painting the signal blades, it would be an opportune time to attempt to free-up the frozen signal mechanisms.

RJ said that there is a problem with birds building nests within the Depot’s roof brackets.

RJ discussed color options for painting the roof soffits. RW proposed that the Depot be painted the same colors as the Freight House—B&M “cream and maroon.” This would serve to tie together the two buildings in the Depot Park complex, RR expressed.

RR said that he sent letters to state officials about the June 15th ribbon cutting event. Included are directions and parking instructions. The *Bedford Byline* newsletter has a notice about the event; it is to be mailed by the end of the week. The *Bedford Minuteman*’s reporter and former selectmen have been notified of the ceremony, too.

RW said that the DPW’s Grounds Division will spruce up the Depot Park grounds on Monday, June 8. RJ said he will take care of providing ribbon, scissors and bunting for the upcoming event.

RR said that the Babe Ruth Baseball lease for Depot space will terminate at the end of July. He proposed extending it on a monthly basis until a revised RFP is written and advertised.

RR noted that the Friends’ existing non-exclusive license to utilize the Freight House was left intact by the Selectmen during a review of it on June 1.

JP said the Depot rental RFP will be a focus of the Committee’s next meeting on June 17.

JP invited motions regarding past meeting minutes.

DC made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20 meeting. JS seconded the motion. It passed by a vote of 2-0-1 with JP abstaining.

DC made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14 meeting. JP seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote.

At 4:31 P.M., the Committee adjourned the meeting to inspect the work being done inside the Freight House by the Facilities Department.

Submitted by

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee at its meeting of 6/24/09.