



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of May 18, 2011

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; William Moonan (WM), selectman liaison

Ex-officio committee member not in attendance: Richard Warrington, DPW Director

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

RJ distributed a Depot Park Revolving Fund financial statement dated 5/18/11. The account balance is \$38,797.69. This figure is a decline of over last month because May revenues have not yet been applied and the Facilities Department recently purchased some items—notably, a \$341.54 solenoid for the women’s restroom faucet and heat detectors for the Depot.

RJ feels that the Depot Park Revolving Fund is currently stable.

JP requested that the electric heaters be turned off in the public restrooms.

Upon checking on a report from a building tenant, RJ found that the proper oil tank at the Depot was filled. The fill receptacle on the out-of-service tank has been plugged.

RJ reported that a sensor is needed to repair the women’s restroom faucet.

The Facilities Department is addressing a mouse problem in Depot Unit 3.

WM inquired about snow removal expenses. RJ explained that the expenses are estimated and that the DPW has not yet cross-charged the Facilities Department for labor. JP explained that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is supposed to plow only their section of the Loomis Street parking lot. A verbal understanding with the VFW was reached on this point, he said. Rich Warrington is preparing a memo of understanding that includes a delineation of plowing responsibilities between the VFW and DPW.

DC commented that the DPW’s wintertime plowing of the Railroad Avenue parking lot mostly benefits Taylor & Lloyd rather than Depot Park and bikeway users. T&L employees park their vehicles in Bedford’s lot. JP feels that T&L might be violating zoning regulations because the company does have sufficient parking available on its own property.

JP said he advertised the Depot Unit 4 rental opportunity on Craig’s List. JS added that the rental information is also posted on the Internet at www.BedfordDepot.org/rentals. RJ said he has not received any rental inquiries during the past month for Unit 4.

RR joined the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

RJ reported that the Selectmen approved a lease option with the Glass Cooperative, Inc., to rent Depot Unit 3 for a second year. JS related a communication from Barbara Purchia that the

Glass Cooperative is pleased with the Depot site and is interested in possibly adding a third year to their lease at the current price.

RR stated that he has a relationship with the Purchia family and does not intend to participate in the Glass Cooperative's dealings with the Town.

RJ said he plans to have the Depot exterior painted this summer in the same color scheme as the Freight House.

JP proposed that at the next meeting, the committee review the Depot preservation plan that was prepared by Menders, Torrey & Spencer and consider the practicality of improving the building's facade and first floor accessibility. He asked members to bring their copies of the Depot preservation plan to the next meeting.

RJ reported that Facilities Department electricians are to begin work on the railroad car electrical and fire alarm systems on Saturday, June 4. He plans to ask consultant Dan O'Brien for his guidance.

RJ said he has not yet looked into options for a Freight House card reader.

JP inquired about the status of the paper version of the kiosk map. JS replied that he provided Rich Warrington with digital files of the kiosk side panels for use on this map.

JP suggested that committee members take a field trip to meet with directors of the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad to discuss possible ways that Bedford might obtain for display a Billerica & Bedford Railroad locomotive boiler. JS agreed to draft a letter to the organization's chairman of the board to request a meeting.

DC said that although his term on the committee expires on June 30, he wishes to participate in any efforts to obtain the B&B artifact for display in Bedford.

JS provided a recap of a railroad car rental that occurred on April 21. He said all seats in the car were filled and that attendees responded that they had an enjoyable evening.

RJ said he will ask Marcia Pyles about the status of an AV projection cart that was requested by Fay Russo for the railroad car. The committee discussed options for a projection screen inside the car.

JS updated the committee on an Eagle Scout project that would mount an old switch stand on a concrete pad at Depot Park. The scout met with Rich Warrington to make plans. The estimated cost of materials is \$100.

DC reported that a marker to honor the history of the Billerica & Bedford Railroad was installed at the end of the interpretive two-foot-gauge track near Loomis Street.

JP invited motions regarding meeting minutes. DC made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 4/21/11. JP seconded the motion; and it passed by a unanimous vote.

At 4:34 P.M., DC made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JP seconded the motion; and it passed by a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15.

Submitted by

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee at its meeting of 6/15/11.

Documents and other exhibits used at this meeting:

- Meeting agenda, dated 5/18/11
- Depot Park Revolving Account Financial Statement, dated 5/18/11
- Depot Park proposed FY 2012 budget, dated 5/18/11
- List of Depot Park expenses, 4/15/11 through 5/18/11
- Ongoing DPAC Projects, dated 5/17/11