



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of June 15, 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; Rich Warrington (RW), DPW Director

Ex-officio committee member not in attendance: William Moonan, selectman liaison

Chairman Joseph Piantedosi called the meeting to order at 3:36 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

JP reported that a woman e-mailed him in response to a Craig's List advertisement to rent Depot Unit 3. He forwarded the message to RJ.

RW joined the meeting at 3:38 P.M.

RW presented an updated draft of a paper version of the Depot Park kiosk map.

RJ joined the meeting at 3:47 P.M.

The committee discussed methods for purchasing and selling the maps. DC proposed that the Depot Park Revolving Fund pay to print the maps; and then Bedford would wholesale them to organizations and vendors who wish to resell them. Proceeds from wholesaling the maps would be deposited in the Revolving Fund. RR agreed with this approach. JS suggested that the map could also be available for sale to the public at the Town Clerk's office. The committee agreed that RW ought to proceed with printing the map without showing another draft to the committee.

RJ distributed a Depot Park Revolving Fund financial statement dated 6/15/11. The current account balance is \$36,588.33. JS noted that not all revenues were collected in May and June.

Reported by RJ:

1. He is making attempts to meet with a woman who inquired about Depot Unit 3.
2. The door locks in the Depot building have been rekeyed.
3. A mice problem in the Depot has been solved. A stench in the Freight House was caused by a dead rodent in the crawl space beneath the building, he explained.
4. Someone made a mess in the men's restroom. Signs have been posted in the restrooms to direct people to phone Police Dispatch if there is a problem.
5. The Depot exterior is to be painted this summer.
6. An extension of the Freight House fire alarm system to the railroad car is in progress.
7. He has not yet checked into getting a door card reader for the Freight House.
8. The faucet in the women's public restroom has been repaired.

The committee discussed the contents of a letter to request a meeting with officials of the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad about acquiring a Billerica & Bedford Railroad locomotive boiler for display in Bedford.

JP related an e-mail he received from Barbara Purchia that requests a sign at the corner of Loomis Street and Great Road that points towards Depot Park. RW said he will work on the proposed sign.

The committee reviewed the Phased Preservation Plan that was prepared by Menders, Torrey and Spencer in 2007. RJ reviewed options that are identified in the plan. Discussion focussed on restoring the exterior facade and adding a ramp to improve first floor accessibility. RJ would like any future project to include repairs to the building's masonry foundation, improvements to the facade and the addition of a ramp. He intends to prepare cost estimates. Then, the committee can choose which improvements to pursue and then identify possible funding sources.

JP invited motions regarding meeting minutes. DC made a motion to accept the 5/18/11 meeting minutes as written by the clerk. JP seconded the motion; and it passed by a unanimous vote.

JS conveyed that ad-hoc lemonade and food stands have been appearing at Depot Park, particularly on weekends. According to RR's e-mail communication with JS on this subject, the public is not prohibited from selling goods on Bedford's property, except that certain food sales might require a permit from the Health Department. JP expressed concern that these activities might create congestion at the bikeway terminus and potentially compete with food sales at the Freight House which financially benefit Bedford.

DC said he is not seeking reappointment to the committee. JP thanked Mr. Corey for his service to the committee.

At 5:40 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 July 20.

Submitted by:

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee at its meeting of 10/19/11.

Documents and other exhibits used at this meeting:

- Meeting agenda, dated 6/15/11
- Depot Park Revolving Account Financial Statement, dated 6/15/11
- Historic Properties Project 2, account balances, dated 6/15/11
- Historic Properties Project 3, account balances, dated 6/15/11
- Depot Park proposed FY 2012 budget, dated 6/15/11
- List of Depot Park expenses, 5/18/11 through 6/15/11
- Bedford Depot Building, Draft Preservation Plan, Sections 2A, 2E and 3A, dated June 2007
- Bedford Depot Building schematic drawing, dated June 2007
- Ongoing DPAC Projects, dated 6/14/11