



BEDFORD DEPOT PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Town Hall • Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Meeting of February 19, 2016

MINUTES

Committee members in attendance: Joseph Piantedosi (JP); Jim Shea (JS); Stuart Trout (ST)

Ex-officio committee members not in attendance: Taissir Alani, Facilities Director (TA); Adrienne St. John, Acting DPW Director (ASJ); Rick Reed, Town Manager (RR); William Moonan, Selectman liaison (WM)

Chairman Joseph Piantedosi called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. at Bedford Town Hall.

The committee reviewed a draft PowerPoint presentation, created by ST and JP, that is to be shown at a meeting with the Selectmen on February 29 when future rental of the Depot Building is to be discussed. The committee made edits to the draft presentation.

ST made a motion to approve the PowerPoint presentation as discussed at tonight's meeting in principle, including recognition that minor editorial changes may occur prior to its showing to the Selectmen. JS seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

JP plans to meet with the Planning Director to clarify which Depot uses require a special permit from the Planning Board.

The committee members agreed to recommend to the Selectmen that the Depot continue to be rented beyond December 31, 2016, when the current leases expire. JP said he would draft a memo to the Selectmen that expresses the committee's recommendations.

JP proposed a few edits to the draft minutes of the 1/27/16 meeting. JP made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/27/16 meeting as edited. JS seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 2-0-1 with ST abstaining,

JP related a meeting he had today with Acting DPW Director Adrienne St. John, Facilities Director Taissir Alani, and 54 Loomis Street developer Matthew Blackmum. Highlights of this meeting are:

- The Town's bicycle racks at the rear of the Depot are to be removed and replaced with racks like those already installed by the developer in the easement area.
- The Town's bicycle racks will be moved from the easement area to the plaza in front of the Freight House.
- One new bicycle rack will be installed at the rear of the Freight House.
- A condominium association is to soon assume control of the 54 Loomis Street site.
- The DPW will develop a plan to rebuild the walkway behind the Depot so that it connects with the Minuteman Bikeway and the grade is lowered to mitigate drainage issues.
- JP distributed a copy of his notes from the meeting to JS and ST.

Miscellaneous business:

- The committee discussed placing an historic interpretive sign adjacent to the old railroad water column foundation.
- JS said that the Depot Park complex should be prepared when bikeway activity resumes soon.
- Billerica schoolteachers are planning to visit Depot Park soon to learn more about the history of the Billerica & Bedford Railroad for their curriculum.

At 9:58 P.M., JP made a motion to adjourn. ST seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Submitted by:

Jim Shea, Clerk

These minutes were approved as edited by a unanimous vote at the meeting of 6/22/16.

Documents and other exhibits used at this meeting:

- Meeting agenda, dated 2/19/16
- Draft PowerPoint presentation (hardcopy), dated 2/19/16
- Joseph Piantedosi meeting notes, dated 2/19/16