

Friends of Bedford Depot Park, Inc.
Board of Directors
Meeting of March 5, 2004
Minutes

George F. Dalrymple, Secretary

A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at Bedford Depot Park's Freight House at 120 South Road on Friday, April 2, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Shea at 3:03 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, and Jim Shea.

Mr. Shea distributed the "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Financial Report, March, 31, 2004." He highlighted some of the variations in performance in the various categories.

The Treasurer distributed the "Memberships and Financial Summary, March 31, 2004." We had \$6,738.47 available in unrestricted funds. We had 28 membership actions—new or renewals—since the last board meeting

Mr. Sampson reported on Hobby Shows. The South Shore, March 28, 2004, grossed over \$1,000.. There are no plans to exhibit at other shown until fall. He plans to attend several to determine if we should exhibit there.

Weather has prevented the continuing work on the interpretative track segment except for cutting ties to the proper length for the first phase. Work days will be scheduled as weather permits. Stone dust (33.14 tons @ \$ 8.75/ton) was delivered this week for the first phase. Most of the expenses for the first phase has been paid leaving a balance in the B&B checking account of \$1,453.11. There was a brief discussion about the signage, wooden or brass, etc. No conclusions were reached.

A brief discussion was held on possible excursions. Several suggestion swere made:

- 1) the Mount Washington Cog Railway -- it would be long day, but a good one
- 2) the Wilton Scenic Railroad and Beaver Brook Farm and Transportation in Mount Vernon, a two-foot-gauge railroad..

Mr. Leary will continue to look in to possible trips,

Continuing previous discussions, a concessus was reached, to sell our products on amazon.com. They will provide us with web pages to show our products. When an item is ordered, they will collect the sale price plus shipping. They will then email us and we must ship the product within 48 hours. They will credit our checking account every two weeks. Their charge is 15%. We have done all the preliminary work and will have a product ready for sale, bar-coded and shrink wrapped, when the Boardman I DVDs j are available.

The Office computer does not have a backup hard drive as does the cash register Computer. Mr. Shea suggested that we procure one. Mr. Filios moved and Mr.. Sampson seconded that we authorize the President to procure a second hard drive for back on the Office Computer. It was VOTED 5-0-0.

Mr. Shea reported that the Depot Park Advisory Committee should be appointed by the Selectmen in the very near future.

The minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2004 were distributed. Mr. Filios moved and Mr. Sampson seconded that they be approved as corrected. It was VOTED 5-0-0.

Mr.. Sampson suggested that we find ways to include more people on the Board of Directors, especially those who are presently serving as chairmen of special committees. It was suggested that the members of the board consider ways of adding additional people to the board. It would have to be a bylaw amendment at the Annual Meeting. He also reported that he has received a magazine rack for the Freight House.

Mr. Filios suggested that we consider

asking various civic organizations for donations, groups like the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Shea reported the donor of the H. Albert Webb Award is moving to New England and plans to visit Bedford Depot Park. Mr. Webb has a collection of antique B&M badges that might be displayed in the Freight House if adequate insurance can be provided.

In looking into internet access for the Freight House, Mr. Shea has received a \$240.00 donation from Verizon to assist in obtaining such access. Apparently, their policy is not to provide free service, but still to help non-profit organizations.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2004, at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary-Treasurer

Incorporated by reference

- "Bedford Freight House, Monthly Financial Report, March, 31, 2004"
- "Memberships and Financial Summary, March 31, 2004"