A Board Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park was held at Bedford Depot Park’s Freight House at 120 South Road on Thursday, February 5, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Shea at 3:13 pm. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Ray Ruetenik, Barry Sampson, and Jim Shea.


Mr. Sampson reported on Hobby Shows he plans to attend
- Amherst Model RR, Feb. 7-8, 2004
- Mystic Valley, Feb. 29, 2004
- South Shore, March 28, 2004
- Big G, April 18, 2004
- Nashua Valley, April 24, 2004

Barry and Carol Sampson and George Dalrymple are planning to attend the Amhurst show.

A sheet containing "Food & Beverage Profits, Jan. - Dec. 2003" and "Consignment Sales, Jul. - Dec. 2003" was distributed. After much discussion regarding “Hot Drink” profits Mr. Leary moved pay the Town, but with a suitable change in the Hot Drink account. Mr. Filios seconded and it was VOTED 6-0-0. Mr. Filios moved and Mr. Leary seconded that the presented amounts be paid to the various groups. It was VOTED 6-0-0.

The Secretary’s Memberships and Treasurer’s Financial Summary were distributed. We had $4,939 96 available in unrestricted funds. We had fourteen membership actions—new or renewals—since the last board meeting

Mr. Shea reported that Quicken 2004 is on the office computer. The financial records will be kept on that machine starting January 1, 2004. The membership records and the newsletter Mailing list are also on this computer.

Mr. Shea reported that ties for 440 feet have been purchased for the Interpretive track. A work day was scheduled for January 21, 2004, but was called off because of snow and cold weather.

There has been no additional work done on the proposed 2004 budget.

The Boardman Volume One DVD has not yet been ordered. The printing on the disc is yet to be designed. We are still discussing the possibility of including UPC codes on the product. It should be ready for reproduction soon.

The minutes of the meeting of December 30, 2003, were distributed. Mr. Leary moved and Mr. Filios seconded that they be approved as presented. It was VOTED 5-0-0.

The Charles River Wheelmen plan to provide additional bicycle racks at the park. Mr. Ruetenik will coordinate with Mr. Warrington of the DPW as to suitable locations.

Additional volunteers to operate the Freight House are desired. Mr. Ruetenik will request of members of the bicycle Advisory Committee members if they could help.

Mr. Shea reported that Selectman Paintedosi will be retiring this March. The Selectmen plan to appoint a Depot Park Advisory Committee to oversee the Town property in the park. Mr. Paintedosi will be one of the initial members. The Depot Park Revolving fund has approximately $55,000 in it.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2004, at 3:00 P.M.