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, March 5, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Shea at 3:13 P.M. Members present were George Dalrymple, John Filios, Neil Leary, Barry Sampson, and Jim Shea.

Mr. Shea distributed the “Bedford Freight House, Monthly Financial Report, February 28, 2004.” The report is now in the form of a spreadsheet with year-to-date and month-to-month comparisons of the present year with the previous year.

He also reported that the three officers had spent an afternoon and evening during the “spring cleaning” of the Freight House. There are still several items left to do done, especially the beverage cooler.

The Treasurers Cash Flow Report for 2003 was presented. Mr. Filios moved and Mr., Sampson seconded that the report be accepted. It was VOTED 5-0-0. The revised “Food and Beverage Profit, Jan - Dec. 2003” to the Town was also presented. The Memberships an Financial Summary, March 3, 2004 was distributed. We had $7,364.93 available in unrestricted funds. We had twelve membership actions -- new or renewals -- since the last board meeting.

Mr. Dalrymple also reported that the proper forms to correct the errors in the reports to for the Secretary of the Commonwealth downloaded from the web site. They were then completed and filed with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Sampson reported on Hobby Shows he next plans to attends is South Shore, March 28, 2004. No additional ones have been added to the list he presented last meeting.

Weather has prevented the continuing work on the interpretative track segment. Additional ties have been obtained by Mr. Dickey. Work days will be scheduled as weather permits. Mr. Sampson suggested that we give a contribution to Robert Bailey who helped excavate the first segment of the road bed using his equipment along with volunteers. Mr. Filios moved that we give a $400.00 contribution, Mr. Leary seconded. It was VOTED 5-0-0.

A brief discussion was held about possible excursions. The only suggestion for a different one is the Wilton Scenic Railroad. Mr. Leary will continue to look into possible trips.

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

Mr. Shea also reported that the filing and other organization of the office is proceeding smoothly.

One of the requirements to sell our merchandise on amazon.com or other large retail outlets is to provide a Uniform Products Council codes -- bar codes -- on our products. Mr. Shea has investigated and it will require $750.00 to join the council and have 100 product codes assigned to us. It should not be necessary to continue to pay dues to the council. Mr. Filios moved and Mr. Dalrymple seconded that we join the Council. It was VOTED 3-0-1.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2004, at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

George F. Dalrymple,
Secretary-Treasurer
Incorporated by reference”

- "Cash Flow Report for 2003"

Approved with corrections on April 2, 2004.