

**Bedford Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes of Feb. 7, 2012**

**Present:** Donald Corey, Lorrie Dunham, Robert Slechta, Clerk, Alethea Yates, Chair. (Three vacancies)

**Visitor:** Gaye Carpenter

**1. Minutes:** Minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 6 together with those of the joint meeting with the Planning Board held immediately before it were approved 4 – 0. There was no meeting in Jan.

**2. Financial report:** Budgeted funds remaining: \$461.50

**3. Demolition Delay applications:** None.

**4. Old Bedford Center National Register nomination:** DC reported that, this evening, the CPC will propose presenting the following appropriations for historic preservation projects at the annual Town Meeting in March:

- \* Preparation of NR nomination of proposed newly expanded Old Bedford Center NR District - \$5,000 for consultant.
- \* Supplement to previous \$300,000 appropriation for repair/restoration of Old Water Supply Reservoir Dam - \$80,000 to cover lowest bid.
- \* Supplement to previous Town Center wood floor replacement appropriation - \$20,105 to cover additional contingencies.
- \* Town Center exterior painting – part of total cost of \$56,300 - \$31,528.
- \* Town Hall Multi-Purpose Room rehabilitation - \$76,865.
- \* Job Lane House – reproofing south side - \$30,000
- \* Wilson Mill Park project – addition to original appropriation to cover lowest bid and contingencies - \$180,000.
- \* Town Center North Wing project – bond payment - \$211, 900.

**5. Bedford Depot Park:** DC reported that the \$5000 required to staff and operate the Freight House store/museum for next year has been raised by donations from members and Whole Foods, Inc.

**6. Job Lane House:** AY reported that the Rotary Club has agreed to provide \$4,000 for upgrading the electrical system. DC has ordered an appropriate heavy-duty dead bolt for the door between the kitchen and the shed to permit elimination of the motion detecting device in the shed which has apparently been the source of recent false alarms. The DPW has removed brush from recent storm damage both in front of and behind the house.

**7. Wilson Mill Park:** The lowest bidder for the rehabilitation of the dam and park was determined to be unqualified and the award was made to the second lowest bidder requiring an additional \$180,000.

**8. Potential new members for the Commission:** Gaye Carpenter attended the meeting and submitted an application for HPC membership to the Town Manager's Office. Another prospective member is Eugene Clerkin, currently member of then Housing Authority and the CPC, who could not attend this evening because of the CPC meeting scheduled.

**9. Jenks Nature Trail:** LD reported that there will be a rededication of the Trail on Pole Capping Day, April 7, with the installation of a sign and a talk by DC. DC made a motion that the HPC contribute \$300 for the sign and the motion was approved 4 – 0. It is planned that, eventually, there will be two signs, one at the Library and one at the High School. LD also reported that there will be a tree planted on the Trail on Arbor Day, April 27.

**10. Comprehensive Plan revisions.:** AY reported no further progress, but announced a town-wide meeting to discuss the Plan on March 3 from 9:30 – 12:30.

**11. Preservation Restriction Agreement for the Kimball Property.** MHC has suggested some revisions which are now being undertaken.

**12. Old business:** None.

**13. New business:**

A copy of the nomination of the Bedford VA Hospital to the NR was received by the HPC for review. A letter of approval and support was sent by the HP, on part of the Town, to the Office of Veteran's Affairs in Washington, D.C.

DC reports that a letter was received from MHC requesting support for opposition to the Mass. Supplemental Budget Bills S.2108 and H.3887 (Outside Sections) which would exempt archaeologically sensitive property (Wampanoag site owned by Meditech in Freetown MA – Fall River area) not yet on the State Register of Historic Places from MHC review and Bill S.2053 which would apply the exemption statewide. DC made a motion to advise the Town Manager that the HPC opposes the pending Meditech legislative action (S.2053, H.3887, and S.2053) and any other comparable efforts attached as Outside Sections to a Budget Bill and requests that the TM inform Rep. Charles Murphy and Sen. Susan Fargo of this position. The motion was approved 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Slechta  
Clerk