

**Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of Dec. 6, 2011**

Present: Donald Corey, Lorrie Dunham, Rose Pappert, Robert Slechta, Alethea Yates (two vacancies)

Visitors: Carol Amick

Frank Gicca, Jan Van Steenwijk (Regular meeting only)

1. Comprehensive Plan. Joint meeting with Planning Board. Minutes of this meeting to be provided separately by the Planning Board.

2. Presentation of draft Preservation Restriction Agreement for the Farley, Hutchinson, Kimball House by Frank Gicca, Chair of BOD, and Jan Van Steenwijk, President, of the BHS. Mr. Gicca gave an overview of the nature and purpose of the agreement. There was a short discussion about which buildings are to be protected and the responsibility of the HPC. RS moved that the HPC approve the Preservation Restriction Agreement between the Town of Bedford and the BHS as presented and corrected. The vote was in favor, 5 – 0.

3. Minutes: Minutes of meeting of Nov. 1, 2011 approved after correction 5 – 0

4. Financial report: The town report received was incorrect. Funds remaining are \$461.50.

5. Demolition Delay applications: Request for demolition of 216 The Great Road was considered and the building was determined to be “Not Significant” by letter from AY to C. Laskey dated Nov. 22, 2011.

6. Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant: After agreement by the MHC (B. Friedberg, Sept. 21, 2011) that the proposed expansion (Concord, South, Springs, Fletcher Rds. and Crescent Ave; B & B narrow gauge rail bed, Veteran’s Memorial Park) of the current Bedford center NR District meets eligibility requirements A and C at the local level, application is being made to the CPC for \$5000 to fund research by a consultant to prepare an application for nomination of the area as a new NR District. Approval of the funds is hoped for at the March TM.

7. Bedford Depot Park: The Advisory Committee has not yet replaced DC. He is now serving on a three- member subcommittee of the Friends which will determine what needs to be done to continue operation of the Freight House in the face of shortage of funds and personnel.

8. Bench at Fawn Lake: DC reports that the memorial bench has been installed near the garden established there by Mimi Adler.

9. Job Lane House: The JLH has been winterized by Facilities and problems with the motion alarm device have necessitated its removal from the garden and kitchen sheds.

The house was closed on Dec. 5 – furniture was covered and moved away from windows. J. Pothier reported that she could not shut off the alarm when she left that day. AY reported that upgrading the electrical system in the barn to 100 amps would cost \$4000. The Friends will seek assistance from the Rotary Club. She also suggested that future planning should include fire protection for the house.

10. Wilson Mill Park: RFP's for the dam work were sent out on Jan. 6.

11. Potential new members for the commission: Carol Amick attended the meeting tonight and may be a possible candidate.

12. Ethics Reform Bill Training: All members have completed the required on-line training.

13. Jenks Nature Trail: DC provided possible wording for a sign to be placed on the trail. A meeting of the committee, including DC and LD, which is proposing restoration of the trail, will be held on Dec. 14.

14. Old or further new business: None

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Slechta
Clerk