

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

Present: Donald Corey, Rose Pappert, Robert Slechta, Alethea Yates

Guest: Lorrie Dunham

- 1. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of Aug. 2, 2011 were approved 4 – 0.
- 2. Financial Report:** No financial report was available, but it is known that \$513 has been paid for the memorial bench at Fawn Lake and \$245.50 for plant stakes to be used by the Garden Club in the herb garden at JLH.
- 3. Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant:** Eligibility forms have been submitted by the HPC to the MHC for nomination of the proposed new plan for an expanded Old Bedford Center NR District. Upon confirmation by the MHC expected soon, the HPC will request \$5000 from the CPC to engage Kathleen Broomer to prepare the nomination papers.
- 4. Bedford Depot Park:** A contract to repaint the Depot Park Passenger Station in the same colors as the freight House will be prepared by the facilities dept. to be sent out for bidding this fall. The funds are available from those left over from the recent roofing project.
- 5. Bench at Fawn Lake:** The Mimi Adler memorial bench has been delivered to the DPW. A meeting of the HPC, DPW and Conservation Commission (E. Bagdonas) will be scheduled soon to select a proper location for the bench at Fawn Lake.
- 6. Demolition Delay Application Revision:** The final version of the new D-D application form has been submitted to Code Enforcement (Scott Gould) and is presumably now in use.
- 7. Job Lane House:** AY reported that there are old buckets of brick sealer in the cellar of the house that should be removed. Also, there are containers of hydrosyl oil that should be used to seal the roof and siding or gotten rid of.
Facilities and HPC concurred about permitting Art Smith to complete the replacement of the garden shed door,
The MOU has been signed by the FJLH and HPC and is in the hands of the Facilities Dept. to obtain necessary town approvals.
There is no further info about plans for electrical work in the barn. A detailed plan for their work is being prepared which will be sent with a proposal to Rotary.
RS spoke of recent activities of the FJLH Furnishings Committee some minutes of which are appended as requested by DC..
- 8. Wilson Mill Park:** AY reported that contracts for bidding on the intended work at the site will go out this month hopefully.

9: Potential new members for the Commission: LH has submitted her application for membership on the HPC, but all is on hold pending reorganization of the Town Volunteer Committee.

DC has prepared an ad soliciting members which will appear in the Oct. issue of BHS's newsletter, The Preservationist.

10. Reorganization of HPC Files: RP reports that reorganization and labeling of the files has been completed. AY will take the boxes until a permanent location for their storage is found.

11. Ethics Reform Bill: All members should go to www.mass.gov/ethics for on-line training to update themselves on open meeting and ethics issues. This updating is required by all members every two years.

12. Jenks Nature Trail: LD has met with Jaci Edwards of BARC and Dennis Freeman of DPW to examine the trees in the Jenks trail that have been marked for removal. All are in bad condition are not worth trying to save – all will come down. Many other trees also need attention. The group has yet to determine how the trees will be replaced – hopefully by specimen trees with identifying plaques or otherwise marked. The group wished the HPC to be involved so that historic preservation funds from the CPC may be more easily obtainable.

13. Old Business: AY inspected the **kiosk on Dudley Rd.** – all is in order and there is room for other items to be added to the bulletin board.

There was a general discussion about the requested updating of the **Town Comprehensive Plan of 2002**. AY suggests reading Chapter 5 and preparing to suggest updating ideas at future meetings.

14. New Business: AY is preparing the **Annual report for the Town** – and RS requested a copy ASAP for use in the CLG annual report which is due at the end of Sept.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Slechta
Clerk