



TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 27, 2010

Commissioners: Charlie Menard, Chairman  
Maryan Nowak, Vice Chairman (Absent)  
Bob Adams  
Carolyn Basler  
Fred Terra (Absent)

Airport Manager: Dan Raposa  
Assistant Airport Manager: Joe Lawlor  
Recording Secretary: Gwendolyn Borden

Others in Attendance: Eric LeGuelaff: Jacobs Engineering  
Ron Nation, Dick Rodier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Menard.

Eric LeGuelaff of Jacobs Engineering submitted a written Project Status report (see Attachment A for report specifics) and read the report for all in attendance. With regards to Item 3, Eric noted during his research on turf runways at other airports he discovered a study by someone on approximately 200 turf runways and he would like to read the study so he can give the best information possible to the commission. No one in attendance had any further questions for Eric and Charlie thanked him for his continued efforts on behalf of the airport and was excused.

**Secretary Report/ Minutes - December 30, 2009 – Carolyn: motions to accept as submitted.**

**Bob: seconds. All in favor, unanimous. So voted.**

**Treasurers' Report – Income \$14,700.40, Expenses \$35,325.66 for a Negative Monthly Cash Flow of -\$20,625.26. The loss was due to a fuel drop of almost \$26,000.00 but will be recouped with the sale of fuel. Carolyn: motions to accept the report subject to audit and authorize the processing of the bills for payment. Bob: seconds. All in favor, unanimous. So voted.**

**Airport Managers' Report** – Dan reported on the following:

1. **Fuel Survey** – Fuel delivery resulted in no increase in fuel prices. Current \$4.30/gallon for credit purchases and \$4.17 for cash purchases. We still have one of the lowest fuel prices of other nearby airports.
2. **Airside Inspections** – some **lights** damaged and as of today all are up and running. Ordered stock of lights. **Fuel farm** ok except for light that goes out every day around the same time. Need to have checked.
3. **Jet Fuel Feasibility and Availability Update** – Ron Nation addressed the letter from our fuel supplier and feels the letter is on the negative side. After discussions Charlie stated that we are looking for clarification on parts of the letter and direction, so we are moving forward. Charlie noted that he has spoken with MAC and FAA and the FAA will only be involved with a new tank they won't touch a second hand tank. MAC is shorthanded and they don't want to get into working on it until we are sure we want to go forward and present a proposal. MAC also has to wait and see if they have unallocated money that they could give us by way of funding. MAC asked for a price range and Charlie stated a range of \$50,000.00. Charlie asked **Ron to keep track of his fuel usage** so that we can determine as to what the demand might be. Charlie also stated that we will look into any alternatives available to us to provide Jet A fuel.
4. **Skydive Newport** has signed their lease. Dan was contacted today by Mr. Tripari, who stated there may be a set back. An associate of his who is working on obtaining all permits necessary to operate stated that skydive operations in Taunton may not be possible because of the flight pattern of planes to Logan and altitudes of skydivers and planes. Charlie and Dan contacted Dick Bunker at MAC to inquire if that statement is correct. Dick Bunkers' statement was that, "he can understand that the ATC (Air Traffic Control) out of Boston may not approve the operation but suggests getting confirmation that that was their response".
5. **Complaint of Nonconforming Business Activity** – Complaint was investigated and completed. A letter identifying our findings and determination was sent to all parties.
6. **TJ Aviation Business Plan/Proposal** - Dan expressed the favorable response of the commission and told him we needed to meet and Dan has not heard back as yet.

7. **1/27/2010 met with Jacqueline Schmidt of SRPEDD** – She was asking about projects at the airport and was looking for information to update their files.
8. **LVP-GPS Kickoff Meeting 2/4/2010** – Dan attended this meeting hosted at Mansfield by Jacobs Engineering.
9. **Accident/Incident** – On Sunday January 24 there was an incident. Dan and Joe were on scene and MAC and FAA were contacted and were also on scene within a couple of hours. Dan met with Mr. Peter O'Malley and went out to the runway and took pictures and submitted his findings to FAA and the finding will be available on NTSB website. Joe stated for the record when this incident occurred he was mid-field and hurried to the location to see if the pilot was ok. Upon leaving the location to call MAC and FAA, Joe stated to others who had gathered, to leave aircraft in the location until released by officials. After making the call to MAC, who in turn called FAA, Joe returned to the scene and the aircraft had been moved. After discussions Charlie asked Dan and Joe to compose a letter to be sent to all FBO's and airport customers, stating that we realize people want to be helpful but do not move planes involved in incidents or alter an accident scene until asked to do so and that such actions will not be tolerated. Carolyn asked that Joe Lawlors' Witness Statement to the incident submitted tonight be included with the minutes. (See Attachment B)
10. Survey work is being done on the Furmanik/Moskoff property. No further information available.

#### Old Business

1. **Atlantic Flight Center Lease Update** – Charlie stated we have received a request from Atlantic Flight Center asking for another copy of the amendment for clarification to the lease. We have provided this to them and hopefully they will pass it to their legal council, and come back with some commentary or acceptance and sign a lease. Joe asks if Atlantic is a tenant at will now? Charlie responded, "yes". Carolyn asks how long are we going to let this drag on? Charlie stated that they are paying the full rate the only thing is that they haven't signed a lease.
2. **Airport Signage Addition/Proposal** – The commission came to an agreement on the design for the addition to the sign.

**New Business – None**

**Public Input – None**

**Bob: motions to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Carolyn: second. All in favor, unanimous. So voted**

**Next meeting February 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leonard F. Rose SRE Building**

**Action Items:**

- > **Fuel Farm Sensor Light**
- > **Alternatives Available for Jet A Fuel**
- > **Confirmation of FAA statement to skydive operations at Taunton Municipal Airport**
- > **TJ Aviation - further contact**
- > **Letter to all airport users with regards to accidents/incidents**

**Project Status**  
Taunton Airport Commission Meeting  
January 27, 2010  
Jacobs Engineering Update

**1. Ultimate ALP Update**

FAA has requested an Ultimate Airport Layout Plan update for the projects proposed in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF). A draft ALP for FAA and MassDOT review was submitted December 23, 2009. Initial comments were received January 21, 2010. FAA and MassDOT requested undated demand forecasts be produced to show need for the proposed hangar space. A conference call is scheduled for February 2, 2010 to discuss the scope of this additional work requested.

**2. Design and Permitting for the Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Connector Taxiway [FAA AIP No. 3-25-0047-19-2009]**

Jacobs has revised the ENF to include a Phase One Waiver for the Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Construction of Connector Taxiway A. This waiver would allow this project to progress through final design and construction in 2010-2011 as planned on the CIP. The remaining proposed projects would require additional environmental review under an EIR. Submission of the revised ENF is pending final approval of the Ultimate ALP as discussed.

**3. Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 – Surface Material**

No update. Jacobs will continue to research other airports with stabilized Turf Runway surfaces.

ATTACHMENT  
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**WITNESS STATEMENT  
Aircraft Accident**

January 24, 2010

Mr. Joseph T. Lawlor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Assistant Airport Manager, Taunton  
Pilot

At approximately 11:45 AM, while tying down my aircraft mid-field adjacent to runway 30, I observed a Cessna 150 make an approach to the end of runway 30. The aircraft leveled off at the first 1/3 point and continued down the runway under power at an altitude of 15 feet, estimated 70 knots, with wings level until touching down on the last quarter of the runway. I heard tires squeal immediately upon touchdown which continued until the aircraft hit a snow bank at the end of the runway, collapsing the nose gear and breaking a runway end identifier light at the root. The aircraft came to a rest on its nose. I drove immediately to the scene with Ms. [REDACTED] (another witness). Upon our arrival, Mr. [REDACTED], the pilot, was out of the aircraft and had turned off the fuel and electrical. I asked Mr. Nelson should an ambulance be called and he said no. Although visibly shaken, Mr. [REDACTED] did not appear to be incapacitated or injured. Upon release by Mr. Dick Bunker, MassDOT the aircraft was removed from the end of the runway. Taunton did not have much air traffic at the time, weather was clear (very high cloud deck) and winds were generally down the runway at a steady 6 knots. Mr. [REDACTED] flight down the runway was wings level, power on, 15 feet and appeared under control throughout the incident. At one point, I thought he was attempting a "go-around" (last 1/3 of runway) based upon aircraft attitude, but in retrospect he may have placed the aircraft in landing configuration. Damage observed on this aircraft was collapsed nose gear, propeller bent from the hub to the tip and missing/broken parts on the lower part of the cowling. [REDACTED] took photographs of the snow bank and aircraft (shortly after aircraft was moved to a grass tie-down area).

Aircraft is a Blue & White Cessna 150L.

Joe Lawlor

