



TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING
June 30, 2010

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

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

Others in Attendance: Eric LeGuelaff: Jacobs Engineering
Ron Nation: Airport Tenant
Marc & Cheri Tripari: Skydive Newport
Dick Rodier: TAA member and airport user

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. After Eric talked on item Dan stated for the record that during the past 3 or 4 weeks he has had more inquiries for hangar space than he has had since prior to the building of the Crosswinds and Tailwinds hangars. These are people that Dan hasn't known before that are making the inquiries for space in hangars. Charlie asks that if people have interest beyond their first contact with Dan, that Dan ask them to submit their interest in writing so that we have documentation. Charlie thanked Eric for his attention and efforts on the airport matters and was excused.

Secretary Report/ Minutes – May 26, 2010 – Maryan: motions to accept as submitted. Carolyn: seconds. All in favor, unanimous. So voted.

Treasurers' Report – Income \$27,941.21, Expenses \$30,898.33 for a Negative Cash Flow of -\$2,957.12. Maryan to accept the report subject to audit and authorize the processing of the bills for payment. Carolyn seconds. All in favor, unanimous. So voted.

Charlie asks for a motion to revert from the regular order of business. **Fred: motions to waiver the regular order of business. Maryan: seconds. So voted.**

Mark Tripari of Skydive Newport reported that he is going forward after the commissioners nod of approval on his proposal for a tandem skydiving operation here at Taunton. As discussed in the past, Air Traffic Control in Boston was not on board with the 10,000-foot altitude jump because it would conflict with the 11,000-foot flight patterns of planes descending into Logan. Mark proposed a 7,000-foot altitude jump and Boston ATC is more in favor of this. At that point the FAA decided to change their procedures in regards to skydiving and now need to go through a risk assessment. So right now the project is going through the risk assessment process and its' going round and round from one office to another. Mark is hopeful and optimistic that it will be approved but doesn't know when but is looking to start up in spring of 2011. Charlie noted that everything that the commission has heard has been positive and if there is anything we can do to help to let us know. Charlie asked Mark to forward copies of any approvals to Dan for our files.

Airport Managers' Report – Dan reported on the following:

1. **Fuel Survey** – Currently \$4.50/gallon for credit purchases and \$4.36 for cash purchases. We are in the top 10 of the lowest fuel prices around.
2. **Airside Inspections** – Nothing major to report. Everything is working fine. All lights are funning, fuel farm up and running.
3. **Verizon Pole Update** – Verizon is all done with what they have to do. We are now waiting for the feed in to be changed to the Crosswind hangars. Once that is done we will contact TMLP to remove the pole.
4. **Open House Report** – Dan is putting together a report but noted that the weather was pretty good, there was a good turn out. It was our 12th Annual Open House held on June 19. There were 12 pilots using 10 aircraft. Approximately 151 people were flown on approximately 63

flights. Ascent Aviation Group donated \$200.00 for the event and this is their 3rd year doing this. We mail out invitations to the pilots, we mailed invitations to the neighbors. We had posters and prizes donated at no charges to us. The disc jockey was \$250.00, Taylor rental for the jumpie \$223.00, refreshments for pilots and cadets was \$310.00, 273.9 gallons of fuel was sold to the pilots at cost, BJ expenses was \$95.00, septic system pumping \$165.00. The net expenses for the event were \$843.00. The participants were airplane rides by our pilots, DJ Tom Cat, Mass. Aviation Historical Society with Fred Morin and Lorraine Madden, the Wizard Castle air jumpie from Taylor Rental, Allied Veterans Association for Veterans Grave Markers, food concession was run by Troop 22 with Barry Pond and Mark Cluster, Dick Crowell provided antique cars. The Taunton Emergency Management Agency was a new addition to the event with Paula Firelli, Shawna Oconnell, Brenda Demaris, Roger Demaris and Bruce Hayden. The Taunton Lions Club participated with their Eye Mobile with Rachael Hebert and Joanne Gumin. Face painting was done by Elsie Goldstein who had a very busy day. Bob Burgo with the East Taunton Helicopter Club also participated. The Civil Air Patrol brought their plane here. Dave and Sue Featherson came with their PT17 Boeing and 1947 Super Cruiser. AMR provided on site ambulance service all day. The US Army provided Sergeant Keith Gilmane. Tony Pistolese provided photographs. In the terminal building we had the video of the King Field History and the Taunton Fire Department also participated. Old Colony Historical Society was a new participant this year and the Bristol County Sheriff's office K-9 demonstration was also here as in past years. Dan is in the process of putting together the Certificates of Appreciation for the pilots.

5. **Perimeter Fence Damage on Caswell Street** – repairs pending.
6. **Attended OSHA 10 Seminar** – Dan and Ted attended this seminar held at the airport. It was very informative and enlightening that presents an awareness of an abundance of situations. Some apply to us in everyday life and some occasional.
7. **Improper Business Activity Investigation** – Dan is in the process of an investigation and has nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

1. **Furmanik / Airport Property Update** – Charlie reported that the commission met with the Airport Needs Committee last night and discussed the situation for 2 hours. As a result of the meeting, the Airport Needs Committee requested that the commission representing the airport, and Attorney Strojny representing the Furmanik property, work through the City Solicitors' office to attempt to come to some resolve/remedial agreement. Charlie stated that his personal comment is, he doesn't believe this is going to happen but that was the direction of the committee and asked to return to the committee in 30 days with an update. It is our understanding that the ZBA hearing scheduled for July 15th, Attorney Strojny will be putting in a request to continue the meeting until September.
2. **Request of Conflict of Interest Waiver / Update** – Charlie reported that the airport secretary brought in a document tonight which details the waiver requirements, information and signatures. The document will go back to the City Clerk and City Solicitors office for final approval.
3. **Jet Fuel Feasibility and Availability / Update** – Charlie noted that at the last commission meeting a proposal was submitted by Ron Nation. The commissioners were suppose to review on their own time and make note of comments, concerns and questions to discuss here tonight. Charlie asked if anyone has any comments, concerns or questions for discussion? No one offered any comments or concerns at this time. Charlie stated that he reviewed the submittal and found several areas of discussion that we need to talk about but would suggest discussing after the meeting so as not to take up the bulk of the public meeting, because the discussion may be lengthy. Charlie feels that preliminary discussions does not require a commission meeting, as long as the final result is brought back to a public meeting for discussion. Charlie also stated that anyone is welcome to stay and take part in the discussion.

New Business

1. **Airport Engineers Consultant Selection** – Every 3 years we go out to bid for consulting services. It is that time again. We have sent it out, it is published in the Central Register and in the gazette and are awaiting proposals. Based on the number of proposals coming in, it will be

the commissioners choice to short line to 3 applicants. We are looking for a 3-year commitment for services, but the FAA will allow up to 5.

2. **Review of Fuel Discount Program** – Charlie stated that as Acting Treasurer he can say that the discount fuel programs seems to be working well in our favor, they seem to be accepted and appreciated by the users and would make a recommendation to continue the programs as is, but it is the decision of the commissioners as a whole. Fred noted that he will be abstaining from voting on this being a pilot and a purchaser of fuel and he feels the programs are working well. **Maryan: motions to retain and maintain for another 6 months the fuel discount programs currently in place. Carolyn: seconds. All in favor: Maryan, Carolyn, Bob. Abstain: Fred. So voted.** Ron Nation asked what the programs were about, stating he didn't know about them and maybe the information should be put in the newsletter. Dan explained the program for him and will put the information on the discount fuel programs in the newsletter.
3. **Airport Manager Review** – The commissioners set a meeting for 7/14 @ 6:30 to discuss the airport managers performance and evaluation.
4. **Election of Officers** – Charlie asked what is the pleasure of the commissioners to elect a Chairperson and Treasurer? **Fred is of the opinion that everything is working fine the way it is and suggests the positions remain as is and makes this his motion. Maryan: seconds. All in favor, so voted.**

Public Input – Dick Rodier and Fred noted that the next event the TAA will be hosting is a Pig Roast the latter part of September.

Bob: motions to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Fred: second. All in favor, unanimous. So voted

Next meeting July 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leonard F. Rose SRE Building

Action Items:

- > **TMLP Pole removal**

Project Status

Taunton Airport Commission Meeting

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Jacobs Engineering Update

1. Ultimate ALP and Demand Forecast Update

As part of the Ultimate Airport Layout Plan update, FAA and MassDOT requested an update to the airport's demand forecasts to show need for the proposed hangar space.

Comments were received from FAA and MassDOT in May that required significant changes to the document. A revised draft of the Updated Demand Forecast will be ready for agency review next week.

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

The submission of the revised ENF document, which will include a Phase One Waiver for the Rehabilitation of Runway 4-22 and Construction of Connector Taxiway A, is on hold pending the results of the ALP and Demand Forecast Update. The waiver will allow the runway project to progress through final design and construction. The remaining proposed projects would require additional environmental review under an EIR.

3. Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Airport Improvement Projects [FAA AIP No. 3-25-0047-20-2010]

The EA/EIR will begin once the ENF is finalized and official comments from MEPA as to the scope of the EA/EIR are received. The anticipated start of the project is September. This start date is based on completion of the ENF.