



TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 29, 2014

Commissioners: Fred Terra, Chairman
Bob Adams, Vice-Chairman (absent)
William Manganiello
Jim Madigan
Burton Schriber
Charles Malo
Jan Boboruzian

Airport Manager: Dan Raposa
Treasurer: Joe Lawlor
Recording Secretary: Gwendolyn Borden
Airport Ground Services: Ted Porada

Others in Attendance: Jim Miklas: Airport Solutions Group (absent)
Airport Users/Tenants: Steve Golden, Toby Baird, Joe Jackson, Joe Sousa, Joe Mortland, Nicole Fraser, Bill Fraser, Mike Dupont, Doug Cooper, Jerry Field, Don Almeida, Charlie Pickett, Dick Griffith, Carl Abers

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Fred Terra

Airport Engineers Projects Update – Dan reported that Jim Miklas called and stated he had a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend tonight’s meeting but will be forwarding a projects status report to Dan.

Secretary’s Report December 18, 2013. Jan: motions to accept as presented. Jim: seconds the motion. All in favor: unanimous. So voted.

Treasurers’ Report for January 2014 – Joe reported on airport finances noting **INCOME** of \$23,613.62 and **EXPENSES** of \$21,827.09 for a **Positive Cash Flow** of \$1,786.53. Jan: motions to accept the report subject to audit and authorize the processing of the bills for payment. Burton: seconds the motion. All in favor: unanimous. So voted.

Airport Managers Report – Dan reported on the following:

1. **Fuel Survey** – Our current price is \$5.72 for cash sales and \$5.90 for credit card and house accounts. Our fuel prices are one of the lower prices around.
2. **Airside Inspections – Tie downs, fuel farm and lights.** We've had various lights go down in the storm and are working on as weather permits, and have replaced a few bulbs. The fuel farm is still functioning quite well. We are keeping up with the daily maintenance of the airport, and as always, rope is available for anyone in need of rope for their tie down.
3. **Obstruction Lights on South Precinct and Caswell Streets** – The lights are on as reported on last month. We now have the photo-cells needed to have the lights functioning properly and are waiting for TMLP assistance for their installation.
4. On 12/20/2013 Dan met with TSA Inspector Michael Cioffi from Logan Airport and Pedro Velazquez. Their visit was general in nature and they were impressed with the airport and Dan gave them a tour of the facility.
5. Our big plow truck was taken in for a needed repair. We were lucky to get it repaired within a week. The cost was considerable and we plan on putting in for a Mass Aeronautics transportation grant and hopefully be reimbursed for the repair but there is no guarantee we will get it. It will probably depend on it they have any money at the end of their fiscal year.
6. As a result of the fuel tank inspection/evaluation by Phillips fuel last month, Dan will be meeting with RI Hydraulics to evaluate the fuel tanks and parts associated with it that corrode over time and small metallic particles that show up in the filter and what the options will be to rectify if need be.

Old Business

1. **Frenette/Airport Property Update** – Fred reported that petitioner will be returning to the Zoning Board on February 13th, due to a discrepancy in language in the width of pavement of the right-of way between the Planning Board and ZBA. The Planning Board approved a 24' ROW with 18' being paved. The ZBA approved all 24' of the ROW being paved. They are returning for a variance for 18' of paved instead of 24'. Charlie would like to have the water line issue re-visited seeing that the plan that was approved failed to show the water line at Middleboro Avenue that would be available for this development. Dan told him that the only thing that the ZBA will be discussing will be the pavement width. The city missed the deadline to appeal the decision of the Planning Board.

New Business – Dan reported that he received the final Scope of Work on the Taxiway project that was put out for comment. Dan submitted some comments on the project. We're basically ready to go and Dan was hoping ASG would be here tonight to have further updates.

Public Input

Carl Abers spoke on the gate closure and asked who made the decision on the hours available to delivery vendors for the access codes and asks why the people on the airport were not consulted to find out if these hours would work for them. Dan explained the reasoning behind the gate closure is that the airport is mandated to do so because of the security plan and the funding the airport received for the security of the airport. Some users of the airport questioned why the gates were being left open and had concerns of the safety of their aircraft. Because of the mandate to the security plan and the concerns of some users, but mostly because of the mandate, it was determined that the gates need to be closed. The commissioners got together and discussed what would be the best way to make it work to accommodate deliveries and came up with the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. because most deliveries would be conducted during this time.

Jerry Field addressed the commission and asks why the code access can't be amended to access the airport all weekend long?

Mike Dupont, Joe Souza, Doug Cooper, Carl Abers and Steve Golden all expressed displeasure with what the commission has put in place and stated that it is not going to work and would like to either amend the security plan or the hours for the access codes to work.

Burton stated that before we start talking about amending the security plan or the hours for the access codes, lets' give it a chance to work.

Dan informed all that the 8 to 5 is mainly for the oil trucks, the UPS deliveries and people in commercial operations. The rest of the people, customers and the like, nothing has changed for them. The FBO numbers are posted and the customers call them for access. The use of photo id cards and pilot return to plane system that has been in effect and has not changed. We've been doing everything we can to make it work, and if everybody keeps saying "it aint gonna work" then... it aint gonna work.

After much displeasure was expressed by airport users in attendance, Fred stated that we are going to try the new code access from 8 to 5, five days a week for the next month and see how it works.

Burton: motions to adjourn at 8:00. Jim: seconds. All in favor, unanimous. So voted.

Next meeting February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leonard F. Rose SRE Building.

At the compiling of these minutes, the recording secretary reports that the quality of the recording was very poor and most of the written minutes were created from written notes. The recording only picked up the voices of the commissioners who were in the immediate vicinity of the recorder and the voices of the airport users in attendance were not audible.

Individuals with disabilities, who require assistance or special arrangements to attend, please contact the Airport Manager at 508-821-2973. We request that you provide a 48 hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.