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NANTUCKET AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

August 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman E. Foley Vaughan with the following Commissioners present: Peter Hull, Sheila O'Brien Egan Dual A. Macintyre, Jr., and Carl D. England Jr.

Also present were Airport Manager Al Peterson; Airfield Supervisor Jeff Marks; Administrative Assistant to the Airport Manager Janine Torres, Environmental Coordinator Jack Wheeler, Finance Director Tina Smith, and Administrative Coordinator Diane O'Neil.

The Commission unanimously **M/S/P** approval of the Minutes from the July 12, 2005 Commission Meeting with the following change to the Public events section Vice Chairman Sheila O'Brien Egan wanted the sentence "The Airport Commission had communications Nantucket Airlines, Cape Air and Island Air regarding the Blue Angels Event and the nine month lead time was agreeable to all."

Terminal Update

Jim Stanislaski (Earth Tech) and Bill McGuire (Nantucket Architecture) were introduced. Jim Stanislaski presented an update on the terminal progress. The major milestones that have been achieved so far are Town meeting approval and on August 2nd HDC approval. Jim explains we are working on getting the state funds secured for 12 million dollars for the new construction of the Terminal and the federal funds for the baggage security system. There are still five major milestones still to be completed before construction can begin. Chairman Vaughan asks the audience for questions. Walter Flaherty of Cape Air/ Nantucket Airlines asks "where do the secure bags come out?" Jim explains the baggage process. Walter Flaherty from Cape Air and Verizon asks if the Architects are aware of where the Utilities come into the Airport. Jim explains they are aware and have a temporary relocation plan in place.

Dual Macintyre asks a question on the funding from the State, do we have an estimate on when we would have that secured. Chairman Vaughan explains that he, Vice Chairman Egan and Manager Peterson met with the Secretary of Transportation Cogliano and told him about the February 1, 2006 deadline. It went very well they seemed quite optimistic. Chairman Vaughan advised there is a public Terminal meeting at 4pm at the SRE building August 10th. Manager Peterson explains it is to bring the public up to date on the status of the design and to answer any questions the public may have.

Environmental Permit

Manager Peterson heard from Natural Heritage with a permit proposal. He would like to ask the Commission's permission to work with our consultants, with MEPA and Natural Heritage to reevaluate the permit based on the changes made in our CIP. The CIP plan reflects priority to the terminal, the permit as it is now is for five years and none of the projects in the permit are required for the next five years. We need to go back and have it reflect the current capital improvement program. Chairman Vaughan would like to bypass the permit and revisit it after five years. Manager Peterson asks for authorization to pursue this. The commission agrees.

Toscana Lease

Manager Peterson states the Commission voted on this lease back in February 2005 to go back to market rate for this five year lease. The market rate is .80 per square foot; Toscana currently pays .50 per square foot. Manager Peterson spoke with Carl Jellame and he suggested the Airport Commission split the difference and meet in the middle at .65 cents for price. Manager Peterson suggests the Airport Commission go with the market rate (.80 cents per sq ft) because this will be a five year lease. The Commission agrees.

Off Season Parking

Manager Peterson explains the Commission voted last year to allow Nantucket residents the opportunity to purchase a three day parking pass for \$15.00 in lieu of the \$20.00 per night fee. This rate would be in effect from Columbus Day thru Memorial Day. Chairman Vaughan suggests heavily advertising this rate for residents. The Commission unanimously **M/S/P** approved the Annual Resident three day pass for \$15.00.

Bill McGrath comments on the effect that the cost of parking has on his business in the winter months. The Grand Union parking lot has free parking in the winter months and the contractors take full advantage of this and use the Hyline boat instead of flying so as to not have to pay parking fees. He suggests the Commission look into finding out why the lot is tied up by contactors and they park for free.

Environmental Report

Jack Wheeler gave a slide presentation regarding Noise complaints. Manager Peterson explained the first two slides are showing the rising fuel costs over the past two years. The price has gone up over \$1.00 per gallon this past year.

Jack Wheeler explains operations have been updated through July. We had 78,834 operations so far this year, up 2.06% from 2004, over 50% being instrument operations. The same occurred in June, the normal rate being around 30% IFR.

The Enplanements are not completed for July as of today.

The Noise Complaints were 374 for July, up 25% from 2004 (.47 of total operations). The largest number of complaints is coming from the mid-island area or close to the Airport. One person logged 84 complaints, the second person logged 49 complaints and the third being 39 complaints for the year. Chairman Vaughan suggests Manager Peterson invite these top three or four people to a meeting and educate them somewhat on what the problems are the Airport faces. Bill McGrath offers to attend and help with the meeting. Chairman Vaughan asks Manager Peterson to set up this meeting and report back by the next meeting.

Jack Wheeler explains early morning complaints (6-8 AM) are better than last summer. John Johnson from the audience says it has been a miserable summer on the ground. People are awakened at 6am and it goes on all day. Rents are down 30% and restaurants are down 20%, some of this may be caused by the fact that at 6am 10 to 12 thousand people are woken up by airplane noise. We need to make an effort and stop flying over the Island. Chairman Vaughan explains that on Monday morning and Sunday afternoons we have a lot of flights. Much discussion follows regarding the FAA's responsibilities to redirect the flights and the Safety factors involved. Jeff Marks suggests the noise became a problem when we started funneling all the planes in one area of the Island, maybe we need to look at fanning out the planes again. Peter Hull states Safety is the main concern and it is up to the FAA where the planes go. Chairman Vaughan suggests the Airport revisit the disbursement issue and would like a report at the next meeting.

Operations Report

- Manager Peterson reports there is a 139 inspection with the FAA on August 16, 17 & 18.
- August 18th there is a Runway Safety Team visiting for an all day meeting. It is open to the public with presentations from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- The fence project should be completed by Monday.
- Dave LaFleur is on his lot and doing very well. Manager Peterson compliments him on that.
- The new donated garage will be put up soon.
- The Airport was turned down by the HDC on the stone walls they said the trees were too high
- The Windfarm layout will be on display and brought to the Selectman's meeting on August 31st.
- The Airport Commission will make a presentation on August 31st at the Board of Selectman's meeting and invites all Airport personnel to attend in support of the Airport.
- Trying to work with Doug Foy, (Commonwealth Secretary of Development) employees of Transportation and also Natural Heritage report to him. We are trying to set up a meeting with him and some Town officials while he is here. The Civic League has its meeting with him at 4pm on Monday, August 15th and it might be a good time to set up a meeting with him.
- A member of the audience asks the date of Fly-in Day, Manager Peterson states it will be September 17th.

It was **M/S/P** by the following vote to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

Chairman, E. Foley Vaughan - Aye

Vice Chairman, Sheila Egan - Aye

Commissioner Peter Hull - Aye

Commissioner Dual A. Macintyre - Aye.

Commissioner Carl D. England Jr. - Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Diane A O'Neil, Recorder