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NANTUCKET AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

June 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman E. Foley Vaughan with the following Commissioners present: Vice Chair Sheila O'Brien Egan, Carl D. England, Jr. and Dual A. Macintyre, Jr.

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

Without any comments or changes, the Commission unanimously approved the May 13, 2008 minutes.

Chairman Vaughan announced the resignation of Finn Murphy from the Commission citing his pursuit of other interests. Chairman Vaughan noted Mr. Murphy's hard work, insightfulness and value to the Commission will be missed.

Chairman Vaughan presented the Noise Abatement Incentive Award for May, 2008 to Dan Wolf, President of Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines. Chairman Vaughan remarked on the Airline's continued commitment to the noise abatement program since its inception making the minimum 85% compliance for the last 14 months and winning 10 out of 14 monthly awards. Dan Wolf thanked the Commission for the effort made to create the reward program and committed his airline's landing fee rebates to be reinvested back into the Nantucket community.

Terminal Project Update

Ray Porfilio of EarthTech announced a conformed set of drawings will issued Friday, May 20th. Having a conformed set will allow Skanska to work on coordination drawings of systems going into the building. Mr. Porfilio noted Skanska has only a few more bid packages to create and award making the GMP announcement to come in one month's time.

Mike Gear of Skanska reviewed the project summary schedule and noted the project thus far is on schedule. Spray fireproofing and exterior studs will begin in two weeks with the goal being full enclosure of the addition by December/January to allow interior finishes to begin for a spring 09 completion date.

Mr. Gear noted the next big item that may affect the schedule is the delivery of the baggage screening equipment due in January. Mr. Peterson interjected there was a delay due to TSA hedging on their commitment to providing the equipment. They have since committed to a different machine, a Reveal CT80 which caused some redesign issues.

Mr. Gear also noted the geothermal system design needs to be completed. Mr. Peterson explained the HVAC bid award went to Enterprise Equipment Company. Skanska suggested adding the well portion of the geothermal system to the HVAC contract to ensure one company was responsible for both the equipment and the wells. Contractual discussions ensued and are nearing completion.

Mr. Gear noted the geothermal portion of the project is the more serious of the two issues that will require some attention as it pertains to schedule.

Mr. Gear concluded by noting the timing of TSA move into their new space will be critical next Spring so that the site work to the ramp after removal of the temporary trailers can be completed before next summer.

Clerk of the Works, Paul Letendre concurred with Mr. Gear on the schedule and added the quality of the work thus far is good. The buried portion of the plumbing and electric portions have been signed off. Mr. Letendre assured Chairman Vaughan that as-builts are being maintained and will be provided at the completion of the project.

Stephen Flecchia of Jacobs reported the budget portion of the project is on track but noted the terrazzo and geothermal bid portions will have an influence on the GMP. Mr. Flecchia also noted an additional half million dollars Mr. Peterson was able to secure from MAC towards the security bid package will have a positive impact on the budget.

Commissioner Macintyre stressed the 8 million dollars the Town is authorized to borrow for this by bonding will be repaid by airport revenue and will not affect the taxpayers.

ATCT Update

Mr. Peterson reported our consultant Bill Payne has arranged a meeting on Nantucket for July 8th with the FAA tower group after which an OTA (other transactional agreement) will be signed enabling the release of the funds pledged so far. Horsley Witten will help with the environmental permitting after which a visit to the AFTIL facility for a final citing plan may occur.

Parking Lot

Mr. Peterson reported Jacobs has submitted a preliminary design plan on the parking lot. It includes enlarging the area behind the fuel farm which is where all commercial vehicles will park making the main parking lot cars only. The project will be phased and is scheduled to begin this fall. Mr. Peterson intends to use Jacobs for the design services but use Paul Letendre for the engineering supervision.

Marine Home Center

Mr. Peterson noted Marine Lumber is interested renewing their lease set to expire on September 30th under the buyer's name and notes the Commission needs to decide whether to impose the 3 cent per pound on freight which has thus far been imposed only to revenue produced freight. Chairman Vaughan suggests the sub-committee of Commissioners Macintyre and England meet and report to the Commission next month.

Environmental

Jack Wheeler reported YTD Operations of 48,902, down 1.63% over same period last year. YTD Enplanements of 85,337, down 2.86% over last year. May 2008 enplanements were down 4.07% in comparison to May of 2007. Mr. Wheeler reported freight seemed off with UPS figures for May down 18.55% from May of 2007. Noise complaints total 273 YTD, up 43% from last year and represent .76% total operations. There were 223 complaints in May. Commissioner Macintyre interjected he had reviewed the complaints and 65% were attributed to Island Airlines. Commissioner Macintyre suggests the spike in complaints is the community's reaction to Island Airlines decision not to follow noise abatement routes.

John Johnsen, representing the Noise Advisory Committee, proposed their recommendation of a meeting between Chairman Vaughan, Commissioner Macintyre, Manager Peterson, Environmental Coordinator Jack Wheeler and Island Air President Scott LaForge to review Island Airlines numbers. Commissioner Vaughan suggests Mr. Johnsen participate in the meeting and coordinate the meeting.

Operations

Mr. Peterson complimented Jeff Marks and his crew for the exceptional rating the airport received from the Part 139 FAA inspection. Chairman Vaughan interjected this is the best report in his 22 year experience and congratulates Mr. Marks on a job well done.

Mr. Peterson also reported:

- The air freight hangar re-skin project is completed
- A contract has been signed with the Dept. of Agriculture to incorporate a Wildlife Management Plan. This FAA requirement was triggered after a US Airways Saab struck approximately eight (8) birds upon takeoff
- Interior terminal design is being completed with the help of local designer Sandy Holland

Public Comment

- Greg Keltz, a Madaket Road resident commented on continuous air traffic noise and suggested continued effort in working with Island Airlines
- Jim Mullen, a Surfside Road resident reported the noise is deafening all day long with airlines cutting the corner after take off from R/W 6

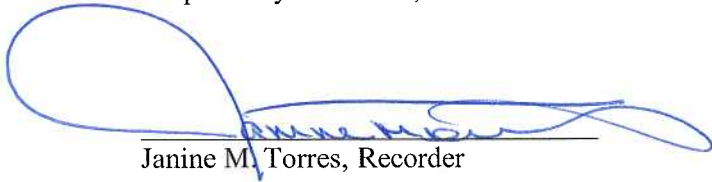
In response, Chairman Vaughan noted the Commission will stay focused on the issue. Manager Peterson suggests individual citizens should write to Scott LaForge at Island Airlines directly expressing their concerns.

It was m/s/p by the following vote to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss lease issues, not to reconvene into Regular Session:

Chairman E. Foley Vaughan – Aye
Vice Chair Sheila O'Brien Egan – Aye
Commissioner Carl D. England, Jr. – Aye
Commissioner Dual A. Macintyre, Jr. – Aye

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine M. Torres, Recorder