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**NANTUCKET AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**

November 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman E. Foley Vaughan with the following Commissioners present: Vice Chair Sheila O'Brien Egan, Dual A. Macintyre, Jr., and Robert Atlee.

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

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval of the October 13, 2009 minutes.

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval of the November 18, 2009 Warrant.

**Noise Abatement**

The Early Morning Compliance award for October was awarded to Nantucket Shuttle.

Matt Gorton accepted the award on behalf of Nantucket Shuttle.

**Terminal Update**

Mr. Ravins reported:

- The new terminal is 91% complete
- A new punch list was issued from Earthtech last month, as of today ½ of them have been completed. There are still a few big issues involving the carpet and window grills. The carpet has arrived and waiting to coordinate with TSA to get it installed. Mr. Peterson stated the carpet needs to be completed by November 20, 2009.
- The tile in the bathroom has been completed

Vice Chair Egan inquired on the baggage belt not being fully accepted by TSA. Mr. Ravins reported when the baggage belt was tested by TSA there were 2 defect issues; 1<sup>st</sup> the opening on the machine is smaller than the belt and a bag guide has been requested. 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a 4 1/2 inch gap coming out of the machine which is considered excessive.

**ARFF Update**

Mr. Peterson reported CC Construction has begun the groundwork and has uncovered some organic material at least six feet down. The Airport is working with Briggs Engineering who is testing the soil and reporting the information to

ATC who did the test boring on which the structural engineer based his design. This matter should be resolved next week and the footings poured.

JK Scanlan has put up a sign on the fence and HDC has asked for it to come down.

### **National Grid Easement**

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval for the National Grid Easement for the installment of power to the new ARFF building.

### **Automated Parking Update**

Mr. Peterson reported:

- The split rail fence has been put up, the overgrown brush has been taken out which will enhance safety
- Jacobs is doing the RFP for the construction of the automated system, which will use the same entrance the Airport has now along with 3 detectors and an arm. There will be 2 exit gates. The Airport has located the conduits from the old automated system and will use them for the new system.
- The equipment has been ordered and will be installed in January 2010

Chairman Vaughan asked if the split rail fence could be removed for someone to get out without paying. Mr. Peterson responded the split rail has an overlap and is put in rather tight. However if a person is determined enough they might be able to take it apart.

Vice Chair Egan asked how the new automated system will affect the off season parking. Mr. Peterson responded the details are still being worked out but is believed the tokens can be programmed.

Commissioner Atlee asked how the automated system will affect the customers going to the restaurant. Mr. Peterson reported it won't affect the restaurant customers you only have to pay if you are parked in the parking lot overnight.

### **FAA – VALE Program**

Mr. Peterson reported VALE is a Voluntary Airport Low Emissions program which is funded by the FAA under the noise budget. The FAA will pay 95% of the difference between a carbon vehicle and a low emissions vehicle (hybrid, electric). The Airport has ordered 2 buses. This program has to go through the Federal EPA and the State Environmental Department.

Mr. Peterson spoke to Jacobs, the consultant assisting us in the VALE program regarding buying another GPU. The consultant explained if the Airport electrified the entire ramp the entire cost of the project would qualify under the VALE program for 95% funding.

Chairman Vaughan asked Mr. Peterson to look into electrifying the ramp above ground and underground and report back to the Commission at the next Commission Meeting.

### **Environmental**

Jack Wheeler reported operations through October were down 12.79%. There were 10,372 total operations for the month of October and 110,921 year to date. Enplanements year to date 182,801 which is down 21%. Enplanements for the month of October were down 23.69%. GA Enplanements were 1,278 for the month of October which is up from the prior year. Total GA Enplanements year to date were 16,610. Freight is up for the month of October; however year to date freight is down with a total of 177,421 lbs. Noise complaints through the end of October were a total of 180 year to date which is down 84%. There have only been 7 complaints in the month of October.

### **Operations**

Mr. Peterson reported:

- The summer arrival area has been closed off for the winter

- There will be a meeting with the FAA the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December for a pre-construction meeting for taxiway 15/33
- The airport received approval from National Heritage to omit having the management meeting for this year.
- There will be a G-4 on display over stroll weekend.

Mr. Peterson reported at the last Commission Meeting the Commission asked him to speak to Mr. Topham, the ATCT Chief, about the tower relocation to site 8, ATCT's proffered site. The FAA suggested the Airport follow the order which is stated in the policy and not meet with the tower personnel.

The Annex building has been removed and Mr. Peterson would like to keep that space open for green space or maybe a gazebo. Chairman Vaughan took a picture of the gazebo in town and will forward it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Macintyre asked if the tower location has been chosen. Mr. Peterson reported no that is essentially up to the FAA, however the Airport has the right to take any location out of the equation.

Commissioner Atlee inquired on Luxury Media Partners. Mr. Peterson stated he has not heard from them and will follow up.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no audience members wishing to make remarks during Public Comment.

It was **M/S/P** by the following vote to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations, not to reconvene into Regular Session.

Chairman E. Foley Vaughan – Aye  
Vice Chairman Sheila O'Brien Egan – Aye  
Commissioner Dual A. Macintyre, Jr. – Aye  
Commissioner Robert Atlee – Aye

Meeting Adjourned at 5:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Yolanda J. Taylor, Recorder