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NANTUCKET AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

February 9, 2010

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

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 January 12, 2010 minutes and the January 12, 2010 Executive Session minutes.

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval of the February 17, 2010 Warrant.

Noise Abatement

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

Barbara Settupane accepted the award on behalf of Nantucket Shuttle.

Mr. Wheeler stated all the Airlines have reached compliance for the fifth month in a row and they will all receive 15% rebate on their landing fees.

Declaration of Surplus Property – Delta Parcels

Mr. Peterson reported there are six acres of real estate located along Sun Island Road (Delta Area) which is not currently being used by the Airport. The six acres are split into three lots and has been assessed at approximately .80 per square foot. Mr. Peterson would like the Commission to declare this property as surplus Airport property.

Commissioner Gray asked if this property is declared surplus would this cut off any access to the Delta Fields currently being used. Mr. Peterson responded the surplus property would not affect the current Delta Fields.

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* the Declaration of Surplus Property – Delta Parcels.

ARFF Update

Mr. Peterson reported:

- The steel structure will be here Monday and the following week the steel panels will arrive.
- Paul Letendre has done a great job and has found certain aspects that needed to be improved such as the piping that was going underground the contractor was putting in PVC instead of stainless steel. There is a dispute on the amount of soil which had to be removed contrary to the test drills. There is an engineer on site from Briggs Engineering which has been on site monitoring the situation. Mr. Letendre has kept very accurate records throughout the entire project.

Terminal Update

Mr. Peterson reported:

- There was a pipe leak in the terminal over the weekend which ended up being a bad elbow joint. Enterprise was here Monday morning to fix it.
- The painter came back and that issue is tentatively resolved
- The architect has submitted an estimate for \$35,000 for the as built drawings which was not included in the original contract. The architect will have to go to each sub-contractor get their drawings and consolidate them which will take about 400 hours. The Commission would like Mr. Peterson to try and negotiate the estimated price down for the as built drawings.

Environmental

Mr. Wheeler reported operations through January were almost identical to January 2009. There were 7,243 total operations through the month of January. Enplanements for the month of January were 8,808 which are down 10% from January 2009. GA Enplanements were 201 for the month of January which is up from the prior year. Freight through the end of January was 122,002 which are up 6.68% from last year. Noise complaints are down 25% from the prior year. There have only been 6 complaints in the month of January.

Operations

Mr. Peterson reported:

- Accounting has moved over to the old TSA offices until the rehab of the Administration building is complete. The RFQ for design services is due on Friday for the rehab of the existing ARFF building. There were about 50 packets that went out to architects and a sub-committee will need to be appointed to choose the final architect. This rehab is not eligible for FAA funding; however it might be eligible for 80/20 from the State.
- Under the new Governor's proposed budget they are re-instituting the sales tax on aviation. This would be detrimental to Cape Air and the other aviation businesses here.
- The State of Massachusetts is doing a business use survey which has been sent to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson wanted to clarify a couple of points on the Air Traffic Control Tower, 1st the Airport does not select the site of the new tower. Originally there were 8 sites. There have been 2 trips to AFTILL which is the FAA technical center. The process at AFTILL includes a safety management system in which they look at all aspects of various sites. The comments that have been in the paper are not FAA comments they are union comments by the controllers. FAA has not taken a position as of yet, what the Airport does is provide the space for the project. Safety is never comprised by the Airport. Site 2 and Site 8 are both considered acceptable; the only hazard that was defined was site 8 which blocks the approach to runway 6 during construction of the tower until they could move in. It also blocks the run-up area and the taxi way into runway 6. Safety is the number one priority of the Airport along with the FAA. The obligation of the Airport is to control the use of Exhibit A which is the Airports land use plan; this is what the Commission voted on at the last Commission Meeting.

March Commission Meeting will be held on March 23, 2010

Public Comment

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

It was *M/S/P* to adjourn at 5:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Yolanda J. Taylor, Recorder

