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NANTUCKET AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

May 11, 2010

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

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

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval of the April 22, 2010 open session minutes.

The Commission Unanimously *M/S/P* approval of the May 19, 2010 Warrant.

Noise Abatement

Nantucket Shuttle was announced as the Noise Incentive Award winner for April.

Mr. Peterson reported it was the 7th consecutive win for the Shuttle. Mr. Peterson added all the airlines met the 85% compliance mark and will receive a 15% rebate of their April landing fees. As the winner, Nantucket Shuttle will also receive \$500 in coupons to be used at either Crosswinds Restaurant or Nantucket Airport Gifts.

Revised Mass DOT – Aeronautics Grant

Mr. Peterson explained the cost of resurfacing Runway 12/30 was more than expected therefore we had successfully applied for additional State funding of \$148,000. The Commission *M/S/P* to accept the revised State Grant in the amount of \$468,000 for the Mill and Inlay of Runway 12/30.

ATCT Update

Mr. Peterson reported the Sub-Committee met with the some of the Tower personnel to discuss their opposition to Site 2 in the Bunker area. Mr. Peterson reminded the Commission they voted at their January meeting to withdraw Site 8 (South of the restaurant), from consideration as well as approve Site 2 as the preferred site.

Chairman Vaughan began canvassing the Commissioners. Commissioner Atlee announced he favors Site 2 noting the FAA has provided substantial analysis and building on Site 8 reduces the area to grow into if needed in the future, as well as contain a high hazard during construction.

Commission Macintyre explained he also favors Site 2 agreeing on the potential for expansion. He added the tower personnel's concerns over Site 2 are valid but not insurmountable.

Mr. Peterson reported \$3 million in funding has been lost due to a passed deadline; however, \$5.8 million of Congressional money has no deadline, but will not be enough for the project.

Chairman Vaughan said he was disturbed by concerns by the tower personnel and would like to revisit the subject once he has time to review all the data received to date.

Mr. Peterson interjected the FAA has done a very thorough three-year study and they do not share the concerns of the tower personnel.

Vice Chair Egan requests Mr. Peterson find out if the \$5.8 million can be used to renovate the existing tower. Mr. Peterson reported he has begun checking into this and although the wording of the late Senator Kennedy's legislation quotes "new" tower, the legislators are willing to work with us.

The Commission tabled the subject until their next meeting.

Administrative Offices/FBO Project Update

Mr. Peterson reported the preliminary design Nantucket Architecture Group presented at the last meeting has been altered somewhat after the estimated cost of construction figures came in. The revised plans were being presented to the HDC tonight.

Mr. Peterson explained he is exploring managing the construction portion of the project ourselves and trying to procure local participation. This might be difficult because the cost of the project will require sub-bidders to be DCAM qualified and not many local contractors are. One option being looked into is using current ARFF Clerk of the Works Paul Letendre as the general contractor (GC). He holds a GC license. Hiring Paul could eliminate the 15% markup normally imposed by a GC on the trade contracts.

Commissioner Gray asked whether the GC would also have to be DCAM certified. Mr. Peterson didn't think so because he was not a trade, but would find out. He has checked with legal who confirmed we could work the project this way. Commissioner Gray pointed out several island contractors have a GC license. Chairman Vaughan agreed the more work we can keep on the island, the better.

Commissioner Macintyre asked what the target price is. Mr. Peterson reported \$2 Million and further explained the original Capital item listing was \$1.5 million so this would have to be adjusted.

ARFF Update

Mr. Peterson gave a brief report on the progress on construction which is on schedule. Commissioner Gray asked if the same fire proofing material used in the terminal project was being used in this project. Mr. Peterson responded very little, if any, because this building is mostly concrete block and metal panels.

Automated Parking Update

Mr. Peterson reported the site work is completed and the equipment is being delivered this Thursday. Tina Smith has been installing data onto the server. June 21st has been chosen as a start date. An educational flyer has been produced and will appear as an insert in this week's Inquirer & Mirror. Once the gates and the pay stations are installed, Plum TV will produce a video demonstrating the system. The video will run three times a day on Plum. Chairman Vaughan suggests also adding the video to the media screen in the air taxi arrivals area.

Advertising Proposal Update

Luxury Media Partners confirmed Maserati agreed to the sub committee's recommendations of a shorter banner and no higher than the split rail fence. A contract is being forwarded.

Save our Sound Discussion

Mr. Peterson explained the Commission had agreed some years back to oppose the location of the Cape Wind proposal for a wind farm in Nantucket Sound; and, recent correspondence had raised some concern with Commissioner Gray who wasn't on the Commission when the subject first appeared.

Chairman Vaughan asked if we had the minutes from original vote available tonight, but they were not brought to the meeting. Mr. Peterson recollected the airport opposed the location due to safety, aviation obstruction, search and rescue efforts and possible radar interference. Mr. Peterson added the FAA has yet to make a final determination on the radar issue.

Commissioner Gray explained his concern was correspondence from Save our Sound asking us to be listed threatening litigation. Although the correspondence noted there would be no cost to the airport, he was concerned there may be some financial responsibility down the road.

Chairman Vaughan reassured Commissioner Gray the airport would not willingly participate in any litigation as a plaintiff or a defendant without a vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Gray wanted to go on record that he does not oppose the project but understands the concern over the location.

Chairman Vaughan would like to discuss this at the next meeting with the text of the last vote in front of them to re-vote if necessary.

Sun Island Road Maintenance

Sun Island Delivery has sent a letter to the residents/users of Sun Island Road to participate in the cost of repaving the private road.

Vice Chair Egan excused herself from the discussion.

After brief discussion the Commission agreed to Mr. Peterson's recommendation of a \$5,000 contribution to the cost incurred by Sun Island Delivery.

Environmental Report

Mr. Peterson reported operations for the year are down 7.39%; but reports our fuel gallons sold are up 7.5% over last year.

Discussion moved to indications that general aviation activity seems to be increasing nationwide but more so in aviation tax free states like Massachusetts.

Commissioner Macintyre asked if there was information regarding the implementation of Passenger Facility Charges (Passenger Facility Charge). Mr. Peterson responded he believed the PFC were not being implemented until July 1st and surprisingly hasn't caused much upset amongst the airlines.

Commissioner Macintyre asked if the enplanement numbers were in for Daffodil Weekend. Mr. Peterson responded he believed they were better than last year but did not have them with him.

Mr. Peterson reported noise complaints were down 57% versus the base year and down 36% versus last year.

Operations

Mr. Peterson reported:

- RW 12/30 paving project came out very well. Commissioner Gray pointed out the painting is nice and bright
- Landscaping plan for the Annex site was brought to HDC. They are opposing any build-up of the lot, the Gazebo was too big and too close to the fence. A revised plan was being presented to the HDC tonight.

- The FAA Runway Safety team will be coming to the island June 8th and 9th. A pilots meeting will be held the night of June 8th in the SRE.
- A tentative design proposal has been received for RW 15/33 project and is being compared to the Independent Cost Analysis. Also received a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding from the FAA for moving some of the runway lights for the project.
- Fuel tanks 2 and 3 are now being sandblasted and painted. Tanks 1 and 4 are already completed. The galvanized steel for the fuel farm structure and fire suppression system has been ordered and the work will be done by the end of June.
- Summer staff is arriving and work is nearing completion on the Thompson House.

Public Comment

Fred Holdgate from the control tower expressed his desire for the Commission to reconsider Site 8. Mr. Holdgate said having the tower on Site 2 would increase their workload on an already stress filled job. When asked by Commissioner Gray, Mr. Holdgate explained it would increase their work load by having to turn more than 100 degrees to see traffic approaching RW 30 while still observing traffic from RW 24 direction.

Having no other public comments Chairman Vaughan announced the Commission would go into executive session to discuss Real Estate, not to come back into regular session. Chairman Vaughan asked for a written exposition going forward for all executive sessions to comply with the revised Open Meeting Law going into effect July 1st.

At 5:40 PM, the following roll call vote was made to adjourn into executive session:

Chairman E. Foley Vaughan – Aye
Vice Chair Sheila O'Brien Egan – Aye
Commissioner Robert J. Atlee – Aye
Commissioner David C. Gray, Sr – Aye
Commissioner Dual A. Macintyre, Jr – Aye

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine M. Torres, Recorder