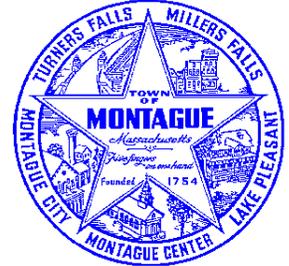


Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016



The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM in the Airport Admin Bldg.

Commissioners present: Keith LaRiviere, Peter Golrick, Gary Collins, and Brian Carroll
Others present: Mickey Longo (MANAGER), Stu Moncrieff (GALE), and Mark Fairbrother

Keith made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of March 14, 2016, seconded by Gary, motion passes unanimously.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Airport volunteer Mark Fairbrother came to express his concerns about NJ Tea and lupine along the old jumper access road near Millers Falls Road. He would like permission to restore the access road to its former condition. Several years ago several students from a lower Pioneer Valley school came to assist with planting/transplanting for 2 years over near the Radio Control Flying Club. That area is now mostly overgrown and fairly dense. This led to a discussion of safety concerns for anyone using power equipment at the Airport to be using a buddy system. We need to review and update as needed our vegetation management plan. Discussion of the recent NJ Tea plantings along the side of the 34 end of the taxiway in preparation for the upcoming project, slated to start later this month.

GALE REPORT

AIP-17 (T/W 34 tie-in, rotating beacon, and fix obstruction lights) Closeout paperwork was submitted on March 6, now waiting on the FAA for final closure. **AIP-18** (Reconstruct Parallel Taxiway) Scheduled for construction to start April 27, with weekly construction meetings on Thursdays. **ASMP – Fencing** The anticipated project cost is now \$76,000, which is down from the original \$90,000. The low bid was \$38,996. NJ Tea plants have been tagged in the area so they can be avoided, when possible. Discussion of the FAA request that we tell them what we want to do with the FY17 non-primary entitlement; we will tell them we wish to use in the future, we have our share (\$8,350) of a \$167,000 project. Full Gale Report attached.

MANAGER REPORT

Got a quote for replacement lights; both gates were repaired; worked on the camera pole (runway cameras). Talked to the Country Creemee owners and others about some form of kiosk or booth at the Airport. Discussion of our grant assurances and solar panels. Mickey reported that he attended the MAMA meeting; it will be about \$95 per month for Comcast. Treasurers report – Budget – Income \$1,172.62; Spent \$3,134.66; Balance of \$13,769.46 or 29.75%. Full report attached.

PILOT, TENANT, USERS GROUP, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND OTHER

No discussion on this topic tonight.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Discussion on lighting the sign at the Millers Falls Road entrance.

ACCESS AGREEMENT

No discussion on this topic tonight.

8:52 Keith made a **MOTION** to adjourn, second by Gary, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

Voted ___ (Aye) ___ (Nay) ___ (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on: ___ / ___ / ___

(Airport Chair Signature)

Documents used:

Managers Report

Gale Monthly Update

Commonly used Acronyms: **AIP** is Airport Improvement Plan; **BLS** is the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics; **CIP** is the Capital Improvement Plan; **CPI** is the Consumer Price Index; **FAA** is the Federal Aviation Administration; **MassDOT A/D** is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division; **MAMA** is the Massachusetts Airport Management Association; **FCFC** is the Franklin County Flying Club; **FCRCFC** is the Franklin County Radio Control Flying Club; **IFE** is Independent Fee Estimate; **NIT** is Narragansett Indian Tribe; **PAPI** is Precision Approach Path Indicator; **PILOT** is Payment In Lieu Of Taxes; **SHPO** is State Historic Preservation Officer; **THPO** is Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.