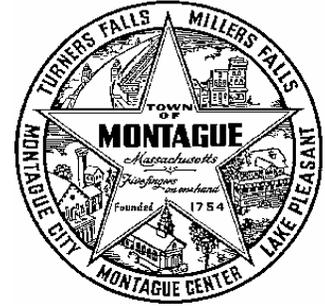


# Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission



## Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners present: Brian Carroll, Peter Golrick, Mark Fairbrother, Frank (Mike) Sokolosky, Gary Collins

Others present: Mike Sweeney (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale Associates), Paul Davis and Erin (BEC), Bruce Bohonowicz (Pioneer Aviation).

**Motion** by Mark to approve the minutes of December 12, 2005, seconded by Frank, with a reminder that a copy needs to be sent to Franklin County Flying Club, passed unanimously.

**Motion** by Mark to accept the request of Rod Herzig for renewal of his lease, both Frank and Gary recuse themselves, passed unanimously.

## GALE UPDATE

**Environmental and SWPPP** Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) is the key designation that we need to be aware of for the Native American Sites at the field. If the sites are designated as TCP they must be protected, otherwise it is up to the FAA. The SWPPP will require quarterly monitoring for storm water. There was discussion of mitigation areas for endangered species. Discussion covered areas we feel would be good for mitigation, as well as those areas that we want to reserve from the mitigation plan to reserve for future airport expansion. **Motion** by Mark to accept the TFMA Rare Species Survey Results 2004-2005 and forward copies to MAC and the FAA, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

## MANAGER REPORT

The Town Accountant is looking into whether any money that comes in from the State for snow removal reimbursement can be placed in our budget directly.

Frank and Gary recuse themselves for the discussion of modifying the SOPP. **Motion** by Peter to modify the Turners Falls Municipal Airport Standard Operating Procedures and Policies "Appendix 1 Forms – Agreements, Leases and Permits, Ground Lease Agreement Section VI, # 3" to insert "General and Bodily" in line 2 after the words "\$1,000,000 in"; and in line 4 after "\$1,000,000 in", seconded by Mark passed unanimously.

## Runway Project Discussion

Brian Carroll addressed the Commission with his concern that people think that we are lying to them about the project, and that he's been here since the beginning including meetings with MAC and FAA. He was on the Commission when Sen. Rosenberg's Bond Bill was passed by the Legislature. The Airport was not in good graces at that time. There were lots of meetings and discussions where the Master Plan showed a 3700' runway with further extension in 10 years. MAC wanted us to go longer because we were reclassified from a B-I to a B-II due to the then existing operations.

Discussion of if and when any promises were made to Town Meeting regarding runway length options. Discussion of \$1,000,000 Bond, how we got MAC to put Town Share in their budget, what we are presenting to the Town is the "best" option (although there are other options). Due to the recent fuss about the project, when we meet with the Board of Selectmen on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Brian offered to resign if that is the BOS desire. Brian complemented the entire Airport Commission.

Frank indicated that he, too, was upset because we have put a lot of thought and care into this Airport, and he does not believe that any of the controversy is of Brian's doing, he understands that he (Brian) is on the proverbial "hot seat" right now. The runway length is not an intentional hoodwinking of the town but rather it's the FAA safety standard, and an unfortunate misunderstanding of what our options are. He then proposed a re-organization at this time. There was discussion of the need to re-organize and how would we benefit. A motion was made to discuss re-organization, but was withdrawn after discussion. During the discussion, Mark brought out that we have 2 specific tasks to do – 1) Deflate anger, and 2) get back on focus with the project. The proposed project does not change the character of the airport and with the project we can make money on the new hangars. Brian Smith presented that on December 10, 1998 the BOS approved to go ahead with the 4200' in the Master Plan.

In case there was planned discussion of the Airport at the concurrently occurring BOS meeting, **motion** by Peter to send Mark as a delegate to the BOS meeting, seconded by Gary, passed unanimously.

Discussion of the newly created group on the "corkboard" website, along with the posting of the calendar there.

Security Committee Update – the Plan has been updated and Mark is ready to distribute. Frank has researched the hangar identification starting with the Post Office and he is now working with the Building Inspector to get the designers.

**9:25 Motion** by Mark to go into executive session to discuss strategy regarding litigation, seconded by Frank

**Roll Call Vote:** Brian – aye, Peter – aye, Mark – aye, Frank – aye, Gary – aye.

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Executive Session

*Minutes are in a separate document, to be voted into public record as soon as it is appropriate.*

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9:30 Executive sessions ended, regular meeting resumed.

**Motion** by Peter to adjourn, second by Frank, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

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(Airport Chair Signature)