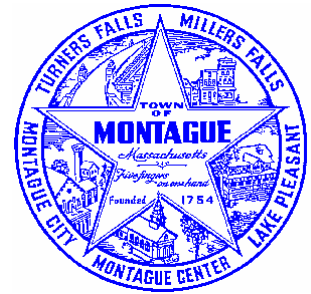


Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission



Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Commissioners present: David Brule, Keith LaRiviere, Gary Collins, Peter Golrick, Mike Sokolosky, Brian Carroll, Rod Herzig

Others present: Erik Strand (Gale Associates), Chuck Meyer, Josh Simpson, Bill Bonnette, Dick Caldwell, Richard Kulis, Bruce Bohonowicz, Malcolm Clark, Don Gagnon (7:22)

Motion by Gary to accept the minutes of 11/9, second by Keith, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

The irrigation system is installed, but has to wait until spring to be tested. Discussion of the Country Hill Investigation project regarding analysis. Runway Project has seen 1-1/2" of pavement and temporary relocated runway ends marked leaving 2600' available for use per FAA regulations. Gale is coordinating to see that the runway gets opened, the contractor has been directed to proceed, but the contractor wants to have a meeting first. Discussion of the amount of work required for the winterization and re-opening of the runway. The FAA has mandates for safety areas that need to be met before we can open. Discussion of how the contractor is subject to fines (according to the contract) and who gets the money (\$750 per day – technically would reduce the FAA payments to the contractor). This lead to a discussion of some of the new, ground-breaking practices that are coming to light in this project. Payment voucher #3 is underway. Additional archeological work by UMASS has been approved, Gale working on getting the supplemental agreement in place for funding. The CIP was briefly discussed. Although the project was once 100% funded, it now looks like it may cost us some money. There was a discussion of waivers for the side safety areas perhaps just like snow banks are "waived". The Commission expressed its gratitude to Gale for the work they've done to keep this project moving.

PILOT, USERS, PUBLIC

Josh complained about the extended time for the construction and no lights costing hangar owners, leading to a request for a rebate to hangar owners. Keith indicated that it was not unreasonable to consider a partial rebate to acknowledge the request. We should look to the funding agencies to recovery of the needed money, and perhaps spread the cost by absorbing owners' costs by rent rebates.

MANAGER SEARCH PROCESS

12 applications had been reduced to 6 for preliminary interviews, from that Sara Campbell, Mickey Longo, and Bill Wood were chosen as the finalists. We should be able to interview the 3 finalists once we agree on a date and time. After discussion, 12/30 at 6 PM was chosen, with 1/10/10 (our next regular meeting) at 6 (special early start time) set as a fall back.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Security – no report.

Buildings and Grounds – Gary met with Jim Senn to go over plowing. Senn now has an access card. Discussion of Snow Removal Insurance Requirement was tabled until next meeting.

Manager Search – see above.

NEW-OLD-OTHER

Request for filming – we should direct the professor to work with the Tribes but offer the opportunity to film from the public side. **Motion** by Mike to accept the proposed 2010 Meeting Schedule, second by Keith. This led to a discussion of whether we wanted to approve only January, but no modification of the main motion was made, original passed 6-0-1 with Brian abstaining.

9:14 Motion by Mike to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation, second by Keith, with no further business expected to be discussed upon return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote: Mike Sokolosky – aye, Rod Herzig – aye, Gary Collins – aye, Keith LaRiviere – aye, David Brule – aye, Peter Golrick – aye, Brian Carroll - 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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10:15 Motion by Mike to adjourn, second by Keith, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

(Airport Chair Signature)