

Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014



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

Commissioners present: David Brule, Keith LaRiviere, Gary Collins, Peter Golrick, and Brian Carroll
Others present: Mickey Longo (MANAGER), Dave K. and Ted T. (RC CLUB), and Owen Silbaugh (GALE), Mike Weber, and Bob Higgins

Keith made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014, seconded by David, passed unanimously.

RC CLUB LEASE DISCUSSION

The activity of the radio controlled club is considered non-aviation by the FAA. The Club is looking for a 10-year lease. It would be timely to do this now, before any FAA regulations possibly considering models as “unmanned”. Discussion about UAV vs. Drone terminology. Keith made a **MOTION** to authorize the Manager to execute a 10-year lease under our standard lease terms, seconded by David. **MOTION** by Peter to amend the lease terms to allow an option for the club to terminate the lease early if the FAA creates rules that adversely affect the lease, seconded by Keith. Amendment passes unanimously, amended motion passes 4-0-1 with Gary recused from the lease discussions.

GALE REPORT

AIP-15 (Archeological Investigation) Tribal invoices have been submitted, project in close out process. AIP-16 (Preliminary Fence Design and Section 106) new plans were discussed; project changed so the fence is on the MF Road side rather than the back. Construction of the fence may be added to AIP-17, with no local share, in order to save some money. AIP-17 (T/W 34 tie-in, rotating beacon, fix obstruction lights) some (30-35) NJ Tea plants will need to be relocated; pre-bid scheduled for tomorrow; review and discussion of the plans and specifications. Full Report attached.

BOB HIGGINS

Bob Higgins was present to discuss possible locations for the construction of a new hangar. He would like to build on the back of an existing hangar to save the cost of one wall. Discussion of future development and making sure that any development will not interfere with our existing plans. Bob should talk with Mickey further on this, and we'll keep him up to date on any projects that may impact his plans.

MANAGER REPORT

The Brush Hog grant was received; Tech school doing some tree work along MF Road fence; security camera project underway; work continues on the upcoming Open House event for Father's Day weekend. Looking into possible extra tree work for the tech school near towers. Mike Weber reports that he may have tenants who are willing to pay to have equipment co-located on the towers; Mickey will work with him on that. Full Managers Report attached.

9:15 Mike made a **MOTION** to adjourn, second by Keith, 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 AIP-17 Plans

Commonly used Acronyms: **AIP** is Airport Improvement Plan; **BLS** is the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics; **CPI** is the Consumer Price Index; **FAA** is the Federal Aviation Administration; **MassDOT A/D** is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division; **FCFC** is the Franklin County 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.