

Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2006



The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

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

Others present: Mike Sweeney (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale)
Mary Wigmore (Wigmore Tree Service)

Motion by Mark to approve the minutes of 8/14/2006, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. Request by Peter to have approval of some Executive Session Minutes on the agenda for the next meeting. Mary Wigmore and Mike Sweeney have walked the area for timber. Mary sees this as a three phase project – identify the habitat zone, removal on knoll, and removing valuable timber. There was a discussion of the permit process – prepare prospectus (job specs), define access, develop engineering specs, prepare financial package (including bond and bid form), advertising, showing, select the buyer, legal, and project supervision. Mechanized harvesters now take everything down to about 4” diameter. The project is presently expected to gross about \$10K. Mary bills at \$35/hr and expects her bill to be about \$1,800. This led to discussion of the accounting and financial implications, discussions of environmental and mitigation concerns. **Motion** by Frank to approve Mary proceed with her proposal for the “Commercial Timber Operation”, seconded by Peter. After a discussion of the stump treatment the motion passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

Mark will get back to Gale this week with any comments on Habitat Management Plan. Gale intends to consider comments on the UMass Report closed as of Wednesday. **Motion** by Frank to authorize Mike to use his “best judgment” in regards to allowing further visits by the NIT, seconded by Mark. After a discussion as to the delicate nature of disallowing anyone, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peter to authorize the Chairman to sign the Independent Fee Estimate for about \$3,200±, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. Consensus was to use 30” tall, 10’ out as height and distance on runway and taxiway lights. **Motion** by Peter that the Commission make a commitment to keep the lupine habitat that currently exists in the proposed Box Hangar area, to the extent that it allows us to construct 6 box hangars, seconded by Gary, passed 4-0-1 with Brian abstaining.

ID Badge Policy should be discussed next meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

Gary and Mark will head up the “light work party” on the 20th. Mark and Gary have committed to 9AM, Frank at 1PM and Peter will check in at 4PM. Hangar developer has indicated that the current price on the hangars may not be economically feasible, Mike has encouraged him to come to the Commission with his budget requirements.

Motion by Brian to adjourn, second by Gary, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

(Airport Chair Signature)