Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 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), David Celino (Mt. View

Forestry), Josh Simpson, Bruce Bohonowicz

Josh discussed that we have spent the last 2 years arguing about leases, that he claims he begged us not to let this get into a legal battle. He discussed Tack Burbank (Mediator) and mediation claiming that he never agreed to the numbers that are in the contract (he claims that he agreed to \$1,100 not \$1,137). He believes that between both of the parties involved that we've collectively spent enough to support the airport for a year or two. He indicated that he has the will power to continue the standoff forever. He also talked about knocking down his hangar. He knew that we could not say anything (because we are represented by counsel in this ongoing matter), but he threatened us with additional and prolonged litigation (including lengthy depositions) before he left the meeting.

Dave Celino presented numbers for the board feet of lumber and cords of firewood in a per acre basis. He indicated that we would probably exclude Airport Development North from the harvest. He felt we were looking at \$9,000+ with a 20% over/under. He proposed a rate of \$35/hr. with a \$3,000 cap. We can reduce costs by finding the boundaries and notifying the abutters. He would like to have a couple of bidders look at the project to gauge interest. **Motion** by Mark to proceed with a contract for the forestry and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

Discussion of mitigation, grading and drainage. A lively discussion of runway construction options yielded new options that Gale will explore.

Motion by Brian to move Mike Sweeney to Grade H7 Step 13 with an anniversary date of October 14, seconded by Frank. Mike Sweeney voiced his objection to the raise and felt that FinCom would support his position even if we vote the raise. Over Mike's object the motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peter to submit a budget of 52,371 to include the 2788 raise for the Manager, seconded by Mark, passed unanimously.

Motion by Frank to submit a Special Article for Phase II for \$2.75 million, with an expectation of 90% funding by FAA and 10% by MAC, seconded for discussion by Peter. Discussion was regarding the political nature of including or excluding the proposed property acquisition as part of Phase II, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark to submit our Capital Project Schedule to the Town, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

MANAGERS REPORT

Security Subcommittee reports that David Jensen has conducted a walkthrough to assign designators to each building. The Fire Chief needs to define his needs so that we can discuss them next meeting.



Mr. Burnham has donated a wind vane. Mike Sweeney suggests that we take advantage of the PR opportunity. Mr. Sweeney has also asked to be placed on the next Board of Selectmen's agenda for a general update.
10:02 Motion by Mark to go into executive session for litigation, seconded by Frank.
Roll Call Vote: Brian – aye, Peter – aye, Mark – aye, Frank – aye, Gary – aye; motion passed unanimously.
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11:00PM Executive sessions ended, regular meeting resumed. Motion by Frank to adjourn, second by Mark, passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick
Voted (Aye) (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on:/
(Airport Chair Signature)