

Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2007

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)



Motion by Frank to approve the minutes of 11/13, 12/11, and 12/21 of 2006; and 1/8 and 2/2 of 2007, seconded by Gary, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

Discussion of runway construction phasing options. NIT and Wampanoag involvement in the stone piles. John Silva (FAA) remains adamant that the piles must be moved. The process has been accelerated by the most recent Native American involvement. It is important to remember that any disturbance to the stones will be done at the direction of the FAA, not by the Town or the Airport Commission.

PYDYCH AND CALOON

Pydych and Caloon were invited to return from our last meeting with a list of items that they would like added to the SOPP. They were next on the Agenda but not present at 8:10.

MANAGERS REPORT

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) of the USDA was introduced to us. WHIP will pay up to \$88 per acre for maintenance. Another example is their tree removal payment schedule which is \$1,600 and is for trees 8" or less. With the 75% grant, we'd get \$1,200 back for that project, regardless of our actual cost. The USDA prefers 5 year contracts for the ongoing management under WHIP. Hangar Marking signs will go up on stakes outside hangars once the ground thaws. Airport Development North is included in the NHESP Mitigation Plan. We should begin planning process soon for the 7/1 start date of the Runway Replacement Project and have a "Groundbreaking" Ceremony planned. Brian Smith offered to assist as needed.

Motion by Frank to approve a Vote of Confidence in Mike Sweeney, Manager, seconded by Mark. Strong words in support Mike were made by each of the Commissioners, motion passed unanimously.

No one representing the Pydych/Caloon hangar were present at 9:10. The Manager reports that he has written report from someone about items not allowed in the hangar. Mark Caloon admitted to the Manager that there were some items that don't belong in there. **Motion** by Brian to instruct the Manager to schedule an inspection of the Pydych/Caloon hangar in accordance with Clause XIII to determine the report is correct, seconded by Gary, passed unanimously.

9:20 Motion by Frank to adjourn, second by Peter, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

(Airport Chair Signature)