

# Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

## Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2012



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Airport Admin Bldg.

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

Others present: Mickey Longo (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale Associates), Mike Sweeney, Dave K. (Radio Controlled Flying Club)

Gary made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 2/13/2012, seconded by Keith, passed 5-0-1, with Mike abstaining.

### GALE REPORT

AIP-11 – Nothing new (still open for Tribal money); AIP-12 – Nothing new (also still open for Tribal money); AIP-14 –the Tribes are scheduled to continue the clearing mid-March. The FAA performed a flight check for the PAPI's but trees prevented approval of the lights, Northern Tree is clear to proceed, awaiting a decision on more money (for work that has possibly already been paid for, under investigation). Phase II – Awaiting Tribal investigation; AIP-15 – Grant underway for Tribal Investigation; AIP-1X (not numbered yet) Archeological for Fencing – Readiness Form has been submitted. Discussion of future FAA Funding at the 90% level, MassDOT will return to 7.5% matching for the next two years only, with Town at 2.5%; after 2 years, it will become 90% FAA, 5% MassDOT, and 5% Town.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Discussion of Solar project, we may not need a full EA; tree clearing on 16 end and the impact on the PAPI's; need for new exterior lights on Admin. Bldg. – Mickey will replace with LED style lights. Treasurers' report Mike was recognized for his efforts, and Mickey will temporarily take over most of the duties until Mike can return to doing them, this is a good opportunity for cross-training in this aspect. Mary Walsh, new FAA Division Head, visited and Mickey gave her a full tour. Mickey and Gary visited the Tech School and are continuing to work with them, got a look at the "Witchhawk" bi-plane, and a full tour of the various programs. On the Josh Simpson request for damages of up to \$6,000, we thought the matter was closed when 2 more badges were issued to Osterman Propane. There is no contractual basis for the claim, as Part VI Liability clearly states. This is not the first time the pipes have frozen, and Osterman had been previously issued a badge. Additionally, Josh Simpson Contemporary Glass has multiple badges including employees, spouses, brother, and other pilots based in the hangars. The latest event occurred while he was in Russia for month, and he (Josh) could have made arrangements with the fuel delivery, and his maintenance personnel to check on the status during his absence. We have no record of any calls to anyone to prepare for this. Mickey recommends against paying anything. Keith made a **MOTION** to instruct Mickey to write Josh a letter indicating that no action or inaction by the Commission of Manager led to his expenses, and that we are not prepared to pay anything, second by Brian. Motion passes 4-0-2, with Gary and Rod recused.

### PILOT, TENANT, USERS, PUBLIC

Members of the public indicated that they like the new sign, lights, and vault.

At **8:00** 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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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(Airport Chair Signature)