



Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

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), Erik Strand (GALE ASSOCIATES), Brian Smith

Keith made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 1/14/2013, second by Mike, passed unanimously.

Keith made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 2/11/2013, second by Mike, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

AIP-11 – the FAA is in “close out” status; AIP-14 – the FAA is in “close out” status. We have had cost overruns due to time; the FAA has changed the PAPI check procedure – we now will pay and the FAA will reimburse us. Commission is considering who needs or wants to attend the Final Site Closeout & Walkthrough, discussion of closeout process. AIP-15 – Tribal investigation for Phase II construction, Contracts will be here soon, timing is expected to be mid- to late-April; discussion of Section 106 process. Mike made a **MOTION** to instruct and authorize the Manager to draft and send a letter to the FAA and MassDOT expressing our desire to be recognized as official consultants on the Projects AIP-15 and AIP-16, with separate letters for each project, seconded by Keith, passed unanimously. AIP-16 – Perimeter Fence Design, the FAA held a Tribal meeting at the new NIT HQ where the NIT was told that they would not be paid for any more tree clearing on the ceremonial hill. The FAA requests an on-site meeting at the Airport with the Tribes to discuss this. The FAA is no longer paying for tree clearing at that site. AIP-16 is now on hold until further progress is made on AIP-15.

Full report attached.

MANAGER REPORT

Thanks to Bruce Bohonowicz for his snow removal efforts. Work continues to progress on the Release of Land; we have the new Noise Abatement Signs; painting is underway at the rental house. An Aviation Weekend is planned for June 15-16 (Father’s Day weekend); turnersfallsairport.com is now available to us. Gale and GZA (their Environmental Consultants) are willing to make a donation to assist with this weekend event. Mickey is still looking to insurance rates and coverage, discussion of insurance.

Mike made a **MOTION** to instruct and authorize the Manager and Chair to sign the Keefe/Roske Lease, second by Keith. After discussion, the motion was amended to be all leases; amended motion passes 5-0-1, with Gary abstaining.

Concern was raised as to whether having the Manager paint the rental house was interfering with the management of the Airport, and that it could in effect cost us the same as hiring a painter. Mickey said he expects to save almost half of the \$2,400 that was proposed. In addition, Mickey intends to negotiate a better monthly management fee than the current \$100 rate.

Treasurer Report: Through February we have spent \$26,971 leaving a balance of \$10,650; anticipated expenses of approximately \$8,500 would leave us with \$2,150 at the end of the year.

Full Managers Report attached.

DISCUSSION OF INSURANCE IN LEASES

Discussion tabled until next meeting, when we expect to have more information available.

PILOT, TENANT, USERS GROUP, AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None tonight.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

None tonight.

8:15 Keith made a **MOTION** to adjourn, second by Rod, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

(Airport Chair Signature)

Documents used:

Managers Report Gale Associates Monthly Update

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; **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.