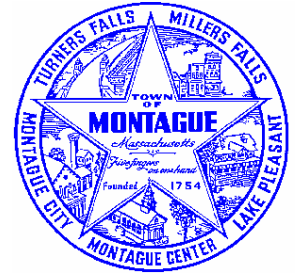


Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011



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, Brian Carroll, Rod Herzig

Others present: Mickey Longo (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale), Dick Caldwell, Peter Monroe, Bruce Bohonowicz, Malcolm Clark (7:15)

Mike made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 2/14/2011, seconded by Keith, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

AIP-11 – Nothing new; AIP-12 – Nothing new; AIP-14 – Gale has requested MassDOT and FAA to meet with us re: Phase II of the runway construction project. Discussion of the Country Hill project included archeological and wetlands investigation, ownership issues, environmental review and Section 106 support. MassDOT wishes to move CIP projects out a year (2011 becomes 2012, etc.) due to funding constraints. Discussion of using LED's for beacons, Brian Smith will get some data for Mickey.

MANAGERS REPORT

The Annual report was submitted to the Town, the emergency and accident report is being finalized. The current status of the MOU is holding up FAA response to the Airport, and all projects; Town Counsel is drafting a response letter to the FAA letter. There is an upcoming presentation on a solar power project that may be a good fit for Airport Development North. Mickey will follow up on the Food Bank request. Mike made a **MOTION** to accept the following Parking Policy, seconded by Keith:

Vehicle hangar parking is granted under the following conditions:

1. Within a hangar, one vehicle per plane may be swapped for the purpose of parking while the pilot and plane have departed the airport.
2. The vehicle must be street legal, registered and insured.
3. The pilot must give prior notice to the Airport Manager by written notice or email stating the departure and return date that the vehicle/airplane exchange dates will occur. Failure of notification will result in revocation of the right to park vehicles within the offending hangar.

Parking of vehicles shall be permitted only in the interest of aviation and to enhance and expedite egress and in no way is this permission to be construed as permission for long term storage or the storage of any non-aviation items.

During discussion the following motions were made to amend the policy:

Brian moved that we include “, if required by law,” before insured; seconded by Mike, passed unanimously. Motion that we amend # 3 to add the words “to include the plate number and tail number as applicable” to the first sentence, passed 6-0-1 with Rod against. A motion by Peter to strike “by written notice or email” was seconded by Keith and passes 6-1-0 with Brian against. A motion by Peter to add “ingress and” before egress in the closing paragraph was seconded by Keith and passed unanimously. After discussion of the reasonableness of the motion, whether we need Town Counsel approval, and review of leases and the affect of this policy on our leases, amended motion passes unanimously. Full (amended) policy is as follows:

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PILOT, TENANT, USERS, PUBLIC

Questions about when the lights were scheduled to be working again, and if the rotating beacon was “required”. The lights are scheduled to operational this spring, and Mickey will research the question on the requirement for a rotating beacon.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

No reports from B&G, Security or Lease Renewal. Mike presented the Commission with the Treasurer’s Report. We have spent about \$24,500 through the end of February. Although we are over by \$2,066.74 in snow (and 2 others), because we are under in B&G and electric by \$5,897.78 our net balance is OK.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

No reports tonight.

NEW BUSINESS – OLD BUSINESS – OTHER

It was announced that Mickey has received his Airport Manager’s License, congratulations Mickey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed tonight.

At **8:54** 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: ___/___/_____

(Airport Chair Signature)