

# Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

## Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012



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

Commissioners present: Keith LaRiviere, Gary Collins, Peter Golrick, Mike Sokolosky, and Rod Herzig  
Others present: Mickey Longo (MANAGER), Brian Smith (formerly of GALE ASSOCIATES), Erik Strand (GALE ASSOCIATES), Armand Dufresne (GALE ASSOCIATES), Jon Lindberg (GALE ASSOCIATES), John Mason, Esq., Bruce Bohonowicz, Malcolm Clark, Peter Martin, Kip Miskinis

Mike made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of 9/10/2012, seconded by Keith. After discussion of correcting “year” to “month”, motion passed 4-0-1, with Gary abstaining.

John Mason, on behalf of David Manning, expressed concerns over noise from planes that they claim are flying low over 74 French King Highway in Gill, which led to a discussion of noise abatement procedures and placement of signs earlier than during a project slated for next year. Mickey identified that we are looking at changing our calm wind runway to 16, and we are in the process of getting assistance from MassDOT in creating new signs to be placed at each of the three taxiway stubs. After a discussion of the archeological issues and process, Mr. Mason offered to be of any help we need in pressing forward on this. Mickey told him that we would keep him in the loop.

### GALE REPORT

Jon Lindberg introduced himself and assured the Commission that Gale was committed to providing their same level of service after the change in personnel, and that we should feel free to contact him with any concerns. AIP-11 – Nothing new, only open for Tribal money; AIP-12 – Same; AIP-14 – Awaiting FAA PAPI check, getting last minute stuff done. Doug Harris did some work this week, still has more to do; AIP-15 – We have the FAA Grant but not the MassDOT Contract, which is needed next; AIP-16 – Same. MassDOT CIP meeting with FAA present tentatively scheduled for 10/19 at 10:30; pre-App deadline extended to 10/12. Full report attached.

### MANAGER REPORT

The FAA Release of Land report to the Commission has been delayed due to Brian Smith no longer working for Gale, still on priority list. We have a new Insurance agent, new coverage, and a savings of almost \$450. MassDOT has completed the annual Airport Inspection, based on Based Aircraft list, we have 33 planes listed here. Many thanks to Brian Smith and his many years of service to us through Gale Associates. Full Managers Report attached.

### PILOT, TENANT, USERS GROUP, AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Rod and Gary recused themselves from this discussion, as it relates to fees associated with the leases. The discussion regarding the proposal from Kip that we started last meeting continued, with a focus on the rate adjustment method, process, and amount. After discussing the current 3.42% per year, which was based on the 20-year average at the time it was set, and the changing value of money, Mike made a **MOTION** to change the rate and term of adjustments from the current annual rate of 3.42%, to become the cumulative total of the CPI from the BLS for the years since the last adjustment, and to be calculated and applied every 5 years, when the year is divisible by 5, seconded by Keith, passed unanimously. This item will remain on the next several Agendas so that the discussion can continue.

### OTHER

Are there plans for more events? Mickey indicated that this is among the items he is working on.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Grass seeding is done. Brief introduction to the use of remote participation that has been approved for Town-wide use by the Board of Selectmen.

**9:40** Mike made a **MOTION** to adjourn, second by Gary, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

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(Airport Chair Signature)

Documents used:

Managers Report      Gale Associates Monthly Update      Letter from Atty. Mason re: Manning

Acronyms:      **FAA** is the Federal Aviation Administration; **AIP** is Airport Improvement Plan; **SHPO** is State Historic Preservation Officer; **THPO** is Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; **FCFC** is the Franklin County Flying Club; CPI is the Consumer Price Index; BLS is the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics