

# Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

## Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2013



The SPECIAL meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Airport Admin Bldg.

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

Others present: Mickey Longo (MANAGER), Owen Silbaugh (GALE), Brian Smith, Richard Doucette (FAA – PRESENTER), Chris Willenborg (MASSDOT A/D)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30. Following introductions, Richard Doucette of the FAA presented a seminar on the Section 106 process and how it affects Turners Falls Municipal Airport.

### NHPA SECTION 106

The National Historic Preservation Act (the “Act”) was passed in 1966 to answer concerns that arose during the 50’s Highway Program and the Urban Development of the 60’s. The National Register of Historic Places only protects property from projects that use federal money. Because all AIP and ALP project use federal money, they are considered “undertakings” under Sections 106 and 110K. A Master Plan does not require following the Section 106 process, because it is a planning process only, however, it is a good idea to use the process to identify any potential areas as early in the process as possible. It is important to have the SHPO in agreement with our proposed actions, as they have the authority to assist (if they concur with our position) or slow down (if they don’t) any project. It is also important to engage the public along the way; the regulations are neither clear nor specific as to when and how. The Section 106 process requires that the Federal Agency “consider” the impacts of each project. Any Memorandum of Agreement that is created must only be signed by the Federal Agency and the SHPO; all other signatures, while good to have, are not required by the Act. Section 106 is therefore a framework for conversation. ACHP.gov lists other Section 106 that are offered around the country throughout the year. Cultural sub-consultants may make the entire process easier.

Chris Willenborg announced that there is a new statewide camera project that will include Turners Falls, and may be helpful in monitoring activities that may be related to our ongoing Section 106 work. This project could be seen as early as within the next three months.

**7:54** Keith made a **MOTION** to adjourn the special meeting, second by David, 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:

ACHP-Guide-to-Protecting-Historic-Properties  
ACHP-Reasonable-and-Good-Faith  
Court-Case-Massport-Hanscom  
National-Historic-Preservation-Act-of-1966

ACHP-Old-Post-Office-Building-Memo  
Section-106-Archaeology-Guidance  
Court-Case-Warwick-Sewer-Authority  
National-Register-Bulletin

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; **MassDOT A/D** is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division; **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.