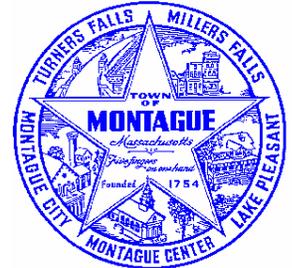


Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2014



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the Airport Admin Bldg.

Commissioners present: David Brule (8:10), Keith LaRiviere, Gary Collins, Peter Golrick, Brian Carroll, and Rod Herzig

Others present: Mickey Longo, Owen Silbaugh (GALE), Todd Friedenberg (FAA)

Keith made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes of June 9, 2014, seconded by Brian, motion passes unanimously.

Todd Friedenberg, FAA Deputy Regional Administrator, FAA Regional Tribal Consultation Official came to discuss the Tribal Access Agreement. Todd has 32 years with the FAA, though not all in his current position. The discussion was centered on two issues, 1 Protection of the land, and 2 Allow access to the land by the Tribes. Todd informed us that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Band of Mohican Indians has recently expressed their interest in the projects at 0B5, and that they will speak through the Narragansett Indian Tribe. The discussion started with a difference regarding whether there were to be 2 agreements or just one. After a heated exchange, we explained to Todd that on advice of counsel, we cannot sign any agreement with any type of perpetuity included. Todd threatened that we will not see any major projects if we don't sign an agreement. The Commission also told Todd that we do not have the funds, either now or in coming years, to commit to "protection" or "preservation" efforts. That is why we proposed the designation of "Not To Be Developed" to indicate our desire to not disturb the areas of concern, but also not violate Mass Law by disclosing the location of sensitive sites. Further discussion led to possible impacts to the runway extension in light of Section 106 language. It was decided that there needs to be an agreement on the area before we could entertain the next draft of the access agreement.

GALE REPORT

AIP-16 (Preliminary Fence Design and Section 106) fence line has been located around the Koch house, and with the reduced scope of work this project is now down to \$100,000. Discussion of possibly adding the Airport Layout Plan update (ALP) to this project. **AIP-17** (T/W 34 tie-in, rotating beacon, and fix obstruction lights) MassDOT funding will be 100% for the fencing portion of the West Mineral Road fence. Discussion of the transplanting of the NJ Tea plants, and the purchase of additional plants. The CIP update this fall will include years 2015-2019. Full Report attached.

MANAGER REPORT

Tarp was put on the roof of the house, the roofing project needs to pay prevailing wage and be advertised in the Central Register. New cameras are installed and working, Gary installed ground level windsocks at both ends of the runway. Keith made a **MOTION** to authorize the Manager to create and submit a Town Meeting warrant article not to exceed \$12,000 to fix the roof, seconded by David, motion passes unanimously. Discussion of insurance coverage; still working on finalizing leases; discussion of badges. Full Managers Report attached.

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

None.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

None.

9:36 Keith made a **MOTION** to adjourn, second by David, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

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

(Airport Chair Signature)

Documents used:

Managers Report Gale 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; **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.