

# **AIRPORT COMMISSION**

**Airport Conference Room**

**Tuesday**

**July 1, 2008**

**5:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Heath Gatlin, Michael Leger, Steve Tait,  
and Michael Valenti.

**Members Absent:** none

**Others:** Butch Lisenby, David Cleveland, Stephen Flecchia,  
and Michael Garrity

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **MINUTES**

**Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

**Motion: Heath Gatlin Seconded: Michael Valenti Vote: 4-0-0.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

David Cleveland applied for an appointment to the Airport Commission. He was interviewed by the Commissioners and said that he had 70 hours of an aviation background and had produced 10 videos. David also said he had 35 years of experience in homeopathic medicine and a list of 6K clients. He has been active with the Cambridge police, a city councilor for Chelsea, and had a big hand in running their budget. He's been on a lot of commissions in Chelsea but is interested in getting on some Provincetown boards. Also he has a masters degree in critical thinking.

Michael Leger thanked Mr. Cleveland for his application and said the matter would be taken under advisement. There was no motion to appoint Mr. Cleveland at this time.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Door Access Control Update**

The door access control has been delayed until this month for financial reasons. The

necessary parts have been ordered and Butch said that we will be moving ahead with the project.

### **RWY 07 Approach – Grass & Brush Cutting Update**

This project has been pushed back to some time around September. The heat wave in June caused the Sheriff's Department to do the elderly complexes, i.e., air conditioners, etc. so that pushed their schedules back. Our options now are to roll the dice and wait for mid September (it'll be much cheaper to wait for the sheriff's department) or to engage a private contractor to do the work.

The best estimate from a private contractor was \$13K and Heath suggested getting an updated estimate with a time-frame – just in case. Michael L. said that since it's not a glaring safety issue we should opt to "roll the dice" – but to document with the FAA that we had planned to have it done and the reason we are late having it done. Just tell them it's a Work-in-Progress (WIP). This was agreed to by general consensus.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **EA/FEIR/DRI Update**

Michael Garrity presented the update by showing the Commissioners the map from which he was working. He said that the many yellow spots on the map indicated the Splade Footed Toad's habitat and he had already narrowed an area and done everything possible to stay out of the breeding habitat of the toads. He continued by saying that this is the best alignment that we can get permitted for. The National Park Services has not commented yet.

Mike continued saying that we already have documentation for them to review and we haven't heard back yet. The NPS will have everything they need to comment. We're even putting gaps in the fence with non-barbed wire to accommodate the toads. "It comes down to going above and beyond but it's still in a holding pattern."

M. Leger told an interesting story about Wellfleet and the box turtles who held up the building of a Catholic church. In celebration of the permission they received to build, a box turtle will be on the weathervane of the completed building.

Bottom Line: Everything is being done and we're waiting.....

#### **Terminal Ramp Reconstruction Update**

Stephen Flecchia, the principal engineer, gave the update on the ramp issue. We're waiting to start construction and will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid the busy season. In early August Stephen will schedule a preconstruction meeting. So far - things are looking good with the completion date scheduled between Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and the end of October. He feels that weather shouldn't be a factor because our fall is usually the best time of the year.

There has been a recommended change of the walkway to the Sightseeing Shack from bituminous concrete (tar) to concrete; concrete pavement lasts a lot longer – i.e. 50 yrs

and tar only last about 20 to 30 yrs. Also since we have a high water table, we'd be better off with concrete.

Butch said that we can go back to the grant and we have enough money in our entitlement to be able to do it.

### **LEO Contract Update**

Butch said that it's an ongoing issue but we have bit of light at the end of the tunnel. The FAA has said they have an application process for additional funding for the FY2008 period and it looks pretty simple. This money would be above and beyond the current amount money slated for FY2008.

The FAA came up with a pot of \$3M to help airports in need; there are currently 233 airports that are having financial issues. Butch anticipates that we will probably have continued financial problems in the spring in '09.

Michael Leger said that sometime after the busy season we'll have a discussion with Sharon Lynn and Jeff Jaran, the Commissioners and invite Dan Wolf, too. We just have to find the money somewhere and have already talked about such things as vehicle parking fees and departure tax. Other thoughts are regionalization, revolving accounts, and perhaps even a prop 2½ override.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Provincetown Airport Enplanements are about flat. April was good, May was flat, and we're waiting for the figures for June.

### **PAYMENT VOUCHERS**

- 1. NStar \$718.24**  
**Motion: Move to pay NStar in the amount of \$718.24**  
**Motion: Steve Tait    Seconded: Michael Valenti    Vote: 4-0-0.**
  
- 2. Kenyon Wheeler \$1,555.00**  
**Motion: Move to pay Kenyon Wheeler in the amount of \$1,555.**  
**Motion: Steve Tait    Seconded: Michael Valenti    Vote: 4-0-0.**
  
- 3. JACOBS, Edwards & Kelsey #6 of EAFIR \$80,000.00**  
**Motion: Move to pay JACOBS, Edwards & Kelsey**  
**#6 invoice in the amount of \$80,000.**  
**Motion: Steve Tait    Seconded: Michael Valenti    Vote: 4-0-0.**
  
- 4. JACOBS, Edwards & Kelsey #1 – recon. terminal ramp \$65,000.00**  
**Motion: Move to pay JACOBS, Edwards & Kelsey**  
**#1 – reconstruction of terminal ramp - \$65,000**  
**Motion: Steve Tait    Seconded: Michael Valenti    Vote: 4-0-0.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY – AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> – 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment happened at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED: AUG 5, 2008