

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Airport Conference Room

Wednesday

August 24, 2009

5:00 PM

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

Members Absent: none

Others: Butch Lisenby.

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

AGENDA

MINUTES

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting.

Motion: Michael Valenti **Seconded:** Roger Lookingbill **Vote:** 4-0-1 ab (HG)

REPORTS

Security Camera System Update

Butch reported that there are 3 companies working on the estimates. They will be walking through the whole complex and Kobo Utilities was the company that originally put it in. Security Design hasn't gotten back with an estimate. Butch is looking into the TSA area but will keep the estimate separate. Roger thought it would be better to have 2 different hard drives so that if an issue comes up the TSA can pull their hard drive and leave the rest of the security camera system intact.

OLD BUSINESS

EA/FEIR/DRI Update

Mike Garrity wasn't in attendance but in his absence, Butch gave an update and they are trying to pull together the environmental document. Butch recapped that we reformatted the document to make it easier for the Park Service to deal with but it has not seemed to help. We did all that, submitted it and they are now talking about more concerns. The decision on the terminal – at this point in time - should be either a 2nd floor or enlarging the footprint - as in up or out. The National Park Service (NPS) is afraid of what it will look like, i.e, color, reflections, etc. Michael Leger said that we're trying to put a meeting together with all the players. After previous meetings we have come away from the meeting and feel that we're all getting along and then everything changes. George Price is on vacation and then has had a knee operation; it's been one delay after another. Butch cautioned that the delays will be eventually be costing us our entitlement funds; we're trying to explore other projects so we don't lose the funds. Heath Gatlin wondered if there weren't someone at the state level who might help? Butch said that it opens a whole can of worms if we are allowed to hold over money because others have lost money for much the same reasons.

Heath Gatlin wondered what the motivation is for JACOBS? – “Don't they come out ahead with these delays?” Butch said that this is a hang up because they could make far more money putting in all these projects; FAA is driving this whole project. Michael Leger said that we'll have a strategy meeting

tomorrow morning (8/25). The NPS has said that they did not think the NPS and the airport are a complementary use.

Michael Leger then gave a thumbnail sketch of the historic origins of the airport. The land on which the airport sits was originally state land; the state issued the airport a 20 yr lease for the land. Then when the NPS was created there was an implied 20 yr lease for the airport. The seashore feels that the 20 yrs for the airport was their only commitment. The NPS feels that way but the FAA feels they've spent a lot of effort on the airport and they don't want to lose it. The issue is that the two federal agencies (FAA & NPS) are at odds and the airport is caught up in the middle.

The only other airport in a Federal park is Jackson Hole. They have a large facility and have had no problem with any of their plans for expanding, etc. The possible thought is that Jackson Hole abuts rough mountainous terrain whereas Provincetown's topography is a more delicate area with sand dunes, seashores, piping plovers, and mysterious frogs.

The NPS has given us a "special use permit" for airport operations in the past and wants to continue this method of operation. It is a 20 year time frame per permit. The Airport would like to change to a Memorandum of Understanding for a longer period of time, 50 to 99 years. The Airport interprets the deed of conveyance as its right to be and continue to be an airport as long as the Town so chooses. If the airport were abandoned then the airport would revert to its natural state.

Minimum Standards Update

Everyone agreed that this is a very necessary undertaking but nothing has been done about it as yet.

Cell Phone Tower Update

A proposal was put in for a 160 ft tower at the Sewerage Treatment Facility and the FAA initially approved a 120 ft tower BUT now they will only allow a 92 ft tower. The FAA has determined anything above a 92 ft tower would be a hazard. Michael L. met someone at Crowne Pointe who supposedly has some leverage with the FAA and his suggestion was to put it at the water tower.... so anyway..... building the cell tower is not anywhere close. M.L. feels that Butch should once again look into the booster and/or repeater. Beau Jackett, the Town's MIS man said that he could do for \$500.

NEW BUSINESS

Appearance of Taxicabs

M.L.'s pet peeve is that he's not happy with the appearance of the taxicabs. Jodi's taxi has white paste of some kind on its windshield with the company name scratched into the paste. The licensing agent spoke with the taxi companies and they were all told to clean up their cabs. Michael read the regulations and it is the responsibility of the drivers to maintain their cabs and they have to comply with all airport rules.

M.L. would like "minimum standards" to cover cabs. Butch said that he did not know if we could regulate condition of cabs. Minimum standards document would be the perfect place for these type of airport regulations. It's very important!

Use of Hangar for parties.

Butch also told the group that he has a couple of ladies who want to use the hangar for their wedding reception and they have contacted him on a couple of occasions. Butch is waiting for their event proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cape Air Numbers

Cape Air enplanements have been flat all year. Last year the total passengers numbered 11,037. If the airport enplanements go under 10,000 for the year the airport will lose its entitlement money for that year. Currently this would be 1,000,000 in entitlement money. Butch said a good August and September could probably keep us above the 10,000 mark. We'll have to wait and see.

Low Flying Complaints

Heath Gatlin wondered if any complaints regarding low flying aircraft have been received by the airport. Butch answered in the affirmative and said that if there isn't a tail number reported then Butch can't do much about it.

Ultra-Lites

It was discussed that ultra-lites can't operate during certain hours and/or seasons. The rule is that there should be no activity from May 1st to September 30th.

Airport Repairs

The project for striping and crack sealing the runway will begin on Tuesday September 15th.

A preconstruction meeting will be held on Friday, September 4th at 10am. During the construction the airport will be shut down over night.

Anchors Aweigh

The Navy is coming back from September 17th through September 26th. They have dummy torpedo exercises which a helicopter then goes out and scoops up and brings to shore. Butch will block off the center taxiway for the exercises.

Gay Pilots' Weekend

The Gay Pilots' weekend will take place from September 17th through September 20th. A barbeque is planned for September 19th. About 125 people will be attending and Michael L. has borrowed chairs & tables from the Catholic Church for the event.

MAMA

MAMA is having its annual convention from September 30th to October 1st in Pittsfield MA.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

N-Star	services rendered	<u>\$865.99</u>
Kenyon Wheeler	electrical services	<u>\$840.00</u>
JACOBS	runway striping invoice #1	<u>\$9,225.00</u>
JACOBS	and invoice #2	<u>\$18,185.00</u>
JACOBS	crack sealing invoice #3	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
JACOBS - phase 2 – EA/FEIR/DRI	invoice #4	<u>\$47,000.00</u>

ALL OF THE ABOVE INVOICES WERE MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED BY ALL THE COMMISSIONERS – 5-0-0.

In an explanation of some of the amounts the consultants charge Butch said that many times the smaller projects take the same level of detail as a larger project.

**NEXT MEETING WILL HAPPEN ON
MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 5:00 P.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Gaudiano
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

APPROVED: SEP 21, 2009