

**PROVINCETOWN AIRPORT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2005
PROVINCETOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

The Provincetown Airport Commission held its monthly meeting at the Provincetown Municipal Airport Conference Room on Wednesday, 7 December 2005. Chairman Richard Silva called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. Those in attendance were Richard Silva, Steven Page, Steven Tait, Leonard Alberts and Joan Drysdale, Commissioners, Butch Lisenby, Airport Manager, Michelle Haynes, Cape Air, Kiki Herold and David Flowers, proponents of Take Flight Dance, Chief Ted Meyer and Staff Sergeant Warren Tobias, Provincetown Police Department, George Hitchcock, Pier Corporation, and Elizabeth Hartsgrove, Town Licensing Board.

By unanimous vote, Agenda Items one and two were tabled.

III. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The project is still in the data collecting stage.

IV. PAYMENTS

A. Edwards and Kelcey - master plan project

1. Invoice 12	\$14,000.	
2. Invoice 13	\$14,000.	
3. Invoice 14	\$13,000.	Total \$41,000.

Approved upon motion by Steve Tait, seconded by Steve Page and unanimously approved.

B. Fruean Electric - repair of rotating beacon and runway lights Total \$913.75

Approved upon motion by Steve Tait, seconded by Steve Page and unanimously approved.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. The 2007 FY budget has been submitted, the Town Manager approved, and it will now go through the remainder of the process prior to Town Meeting.

B. Vector has requested discussion on use of airport for charter services. Discussion was held regarding landing fees, the collection done electronically. The airport has never charged a landing fee, only parking. The proponents will be invited before the commissioners for further discussion.

C. The Annual Town Report is due by 18 January. Leonard Alberts will produce.

VI. MINUTES

The minutes of September 7, 2005, October 5, 2005 and November 2, 2005 were submitted and approved as presented, upon motion by Steve Tait, seconded by Leonard Alberts, and unanimously approved.

Leonard Alberts moved to take Agenda Item One off the table. It was seconded by Steve Page, and so done.

I. TAKE FLIGHT DANCE

Discussion was held regarding the proposed use of the airport for a dance on July 4th weekend, 2006. The general consensus of opinion was that it was a good idea. Previous such events have been held at MacMillan Pier with no major problems during the events. David Flowers Productions is fully capable of running the event, Licensing foresees no problems with licensing. The Licensing Agent stated that once the date is set and the Airport Commission approves it, licensing would be procured.

A Special Use Permit will be acquired from the CCNS if Cape Air is in agreement. The Pier Corp. has approved such events in the past and said they were very well run. The proponents in the past have donated portions of the revenue to the Pier Corp. and two local charitable organizations.

Cape Air representative Michelle Haynes said it would be of benefit to the airport and Cape Air, as it would heighten awareness. She has volunteered in the past and said the events were handled better than any she had seen. She stated that Dan Wolf was also very impressed.

Police Chief Ted Meyer said his letter regarding the matter was in the positive, stating that in the past the police did not see excessive drinking. He said that the proponents always provided proper security. He did say there might be need to increase the number of officers, to assure the guests would be contained in the proposed site. S. Sgt. Warren Tobias said that in the past the control was well done. He stated concern about the use of the hangar and the tarmac. He asked who is going to be responsible for post-event security and who is going to be liable.

Lisenby said that ultimately the Town would be liable, over which he felt concern.

Dick Silva felt the pier was a better location and questioned the use of the airport. He expressed great concern about security. Steve Page commented on air shows having no problems and sees none here. Steve Tait stated he is comfortable with the proposed event.

The Commission has asked that a proposed increased security plan be submitted after the Police Dept. confers with the proponents. Lisenby expressed concern regarding post event control. He questioned the number of participants, how

many buses were to be provided, and what guests might do if the buses were not available when they wished to leave. He expressed concern about guests walking down the road and the possibility of injury. He was assured that this issue would be under control. Lisenby expressed concern about people parking at the visitors' center and walking down to the event. He asked that the proponents ask the CCNS request closure of both the Race Point and Visitors Center parking lots.

MOTION:

To allow the event to go forward if the security plan is approved, the police presence is approved, the CCNS provides closure of the Race Point and Visitors Center lots, and all parties are satisfied.

This was made as a motion by Leonard Alberts, and seconded by Steve Tait.

Yes: 3 No: 1 (Drysdale) Abstentions: 1 (Silva)

The motion passed.

Agenda Item Two was then taken off the table.

II. CAPE AIR

The cost of ticket prices is of concern. Steve Tait expressed the residents' perspective that few are flying because of the cost. Len Alberts said he paid \$203 for a ticket he could not use due to a death, did use it at another time when the price would have been less. He eventually did get a credit but it was a problem and costly at \$203.

M. Haynes said that Cape Air does not have the ability to reduce fares. Cape Air is currently working on three ways to increase off-season business, possibly creating a local fare, an air/sea package, and a discount for Business Guild members.

The next stated meeting will be held on 4 January 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M. upon motion by Steve Page and seconded by Steve Tait.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Drysdale, Commissioner
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: APR 12, 2006