

AIRPORT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday – November 9, 2020

District #1: Maynard Curtis Business: Greg Peet Environmental: Vivian Newman
District #2: Roger Peabody Owls Head: Adam Philbrook Commercial Pilot: Katie Shaw
District #3: Dick Witherspoon Flying Club: Ron Vanosdol STH: Jan Gaudio
Airport Business: Bill Packard

Members present: Ron Vanosdol, Vivian Newman, Dick Witherspoon, Katie Shaw, Roger Peabody, Bill Packard, Jan Gaudio

Non-members present: Jeremy Shaw (Manager) Dorothy Meriwether

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Vanosdol called the Zoom meeting to order @ 5PM.

RECOGNIZED GUESTS: Roland Lussier (public), Ken Wexler (public) Kathryn Demarderosian (public) Kathy Allain (public) Bill George (public)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS: None

APPROVED Sept. 14 MINUTES: Chair Vanosdol called for an re-approval for the minutes by a display of thumbs-up or thumbs down. The minutes had been pre-approved via email early to assist the Commissioners in the Solar Developer decision they were weighing. The vote was unanimous to re-approve the minutes in an official meeting.

SOLAR DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: The airport manager updated the Committee on the progress of the Solar Project. The manager reported that a letter of intent was in the works with Revision, the Solar Glare Analysis had been completed, and the wetlands have been delineated. He also reported that there were some potential issues with the use of the intended parcel of land due to it being designated as a mitigation parcel purchased to offset environmental impacts of a previous airport improvement project. Chair Vanosdol requested a summary of milestones to be available each time the committee meets to keep track of the progress.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPDATE: The airport manager briefed the committee of the ongoing negotiations between the Town of Owls Head and the County. He reported that the agreement had been approved by the County Commissioners and submitted to the Town of Owls Head approval. He also reported that there was a public hearing scheduled on November 16th at 3pm at the Town office, and that the special town meeting is scheduled on November 30th at 6pm to put it to the voters in a special town meeting. Chair Vanosdol asked if there were significant changes to the agreement since the committee last reviewed it, and manager Shaw reported that Owls Head resident Ken Wexler had proposed another composition of the Joint Board to give the town more power. Member Katie Shaw reiterated that an APAC member assigned to the Joint Board would represent the APAC as a whole, and not the individual's personal interest. Commissioner Meriwether advised Ken that he had two screens open. Chair Vanosdol asked that the manager provide a summary of the changes to the Interlocal.

BENNER LANE FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM: Manager Shaw asked Roland Lussier to describe the property adjacent to the Ash Point Inn where he lives. Mr. Lussier described the history of the property, and how it had changed hands over time. The manager described how the property would benefit the airport, and opportunities that property could be used for. Chair Vanosdol asked the manager if he wanted the APAC to make a recommendation about the property, to which the manager said no. The manager simply wanted to have an open conversation about the opportunity. Chair Vanosdol then asked what the revenue implications were if the County were to own it vs. private citizen ownership. The manager stated that there is interest in leasing the hangars for storage and maintenance, as well as potential revenue from excise tax if another 80x80 hangar was constructed. Commissioner Meriwether asked if the manager knew how much the Museum was looking to get for the property, and the manager responded that there had been 2 appraisals done on it, one being in the mid-\$200,000 range, and one between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Member Jan Gaudio asked if the manager knew how fast the museum was interested in selling the property. The manager responded that they were actively trying to market and sell the property if the right offer could be found. Both Mr. Lussier and Mr.

Wexler asked for consideration for the towns people with whatever the intended use would be. Chair Vanosdol asked that this item be a recurring agenda item for upcoming meetings, and that interested members send the manager an email of interest.

AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATES: The airport manager gave the committee an overview of each project underway at the airport, and talked about the completed projects.

2020 Projects

- Crack sealing and Markings were completed by Indus and Sir Lines A Lot
- Drainage investigation was completed earlier in the year by Skinner Excavation of Belfast
- Hangar Taxi lane project moving forward as soon as the Town's Shoreland Zoning Map has been updated with the information received in the airport's full wetland delineation.
- Flying Club gate replacement is underway

2021 Projects

- Drainage Phase II, lining culverts delayed for funding delays
- Terminal Hangar on track, permitting to be attained after APAC meeting
- Crew House Replacement, waiting on design/permitting
- Safety Area Grading, waiting for funding
- Gate upgrades and fence repair project waiting for Development Grant Applications.
- Airspace survey, flight conducted, waiting for an obstruction report
- Pavement Management Program in the works
- HVAC deemed Operational and Maintenance and given green light
- Hub Server project to compliment County resources underway
- Solar, figuring out land issues
- Taxi Lane project starting in the spring

Manager reported \$1,022,000 reimbursed by CARES Act to date. Commissioner Meriwether discussed the Joint Board compositions, and their responsibilities. Kathryn Demarderosian thanked the manager for taking the entire conservation commission on a perimeter tour of the airport to look at a potential perimeter walking trail outside of the fence.

General Updates

- Bill Clifford lease going before the Commissioners at their next meeting
- Beacon Drones LLC, awaiting legal review
- Enterprise Lease under legal review by their attorneys

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Allain stated her continued interest in putting out press releases for the airport. Guest Bill George asked for a milestone update regarding solar. The

MEETING ADJOURNED: Katie Shaw proposed a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Jan Gaudio. Unanimous approval to adjourn at 6:01 PM

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2021 at 5pm.