

# AIRPORT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday – March 8, 2021

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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, Maynard Curtis, Dick Witherspoon, Katie Shaw, Roger Peabody, Bill Packard, Jan Gaudio, Adam Philbrook

**Non-members present:** Jeremy Shaw (Manager) Dorothy Meriwether (Commissioner) Andy Hart (Administrator)

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chair Vanosdol called the Zoom meeting to order @ 5:02PM.

**RECOGNIZED GUESTS:** Ken Wexler, Dave Dineen, Brad Ketcher, Linda Garat, Jeff Northgraves, Paul Rosen.

**APPROVED January 11 MINUTES:** Chair Vanosdol called for approval for the minutes by vote. Bill Packard made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Katie Shaw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to re-approve the minutes 6-0.

**FLYING CLUB DISCUSSION:** Chair Vanosdol requested to discuss an opportunity regarding the flying club, but stated that the flying club's board hadn't met yet, and he would like to defer the discussion to the next meeting.

**DISCUSS APAC MEMBER CANDIDATES:** The APAC had a lengthy discussion regarding the selection of new members, and how the committee would like to proceed. The committee decided that they would go seat to seat, allow the candidates to introduce themselves, and then vote on a recommendation or not. The committee started with the business seat, which had one candidate, Jeff Northgraves. Ron Vanosdol made a motion to recommend Jeff for the business seat. Bill Packard seconded the motion. The committee voted 7-1 to recommend Jeff for the seat. The committee then discussed the environmental seat, which had two potential candidates, Linda Garat and Brad Ketcher. Chair Vanosdol asked for a show of hands for Linda Garat, to which the committee raised 6 hands. The Chair then asked for a show of hands supporting the recommendation of Brad Ketcher, to which 2 members raised their hand. Linda Garat was recommended to be appointed to the environmental seat. The committee then took up the nominations of Brad Ketcher and Paul Rosen for the District #1 seat. Chair Vanosdol called for a vote for Brad Ketcher, to which 6 members raised their hand, and then called for a vote for Paul Rosen, to which 2 members raised their hand. Katie Shaw made a motion that we also appoint Dick Witherspoon for another term on the committee. The committee voted 8-0 to recommend Dick for another term. Jan Gaudio then made a motion to forward all 4 candidates to be forwarded to the Knox County Commissioners for their approval.

**BEYOND THE MOON DISCUSSION:** The airport manager asked the APAC to consider reducing the concessionaire fee to the gift shop to help offset the effects of the pandemic. Beyond the Moon Gift Shop requested that we reduce the Fee from 10% to 6% because of the effects of COVID19 has had on travel. The committee voiced concern about lowering the fee permanently, but discussed lowering the fee for one year. The committee voted 8-0 to forward a recommendation to the commissioners to lower the Fee from 10% to 6% for a 1-year period.

**AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATES:** The airport manager updated the committee on the upcoming webinar hosted by the Owls Head Library. The committee decided that they would not send a formal representative of the committee, because it was really a discussion between the Town of Owls Head, and the County.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** May 10th, 2021 at 5pm.