

AIRPORT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Monday – May 9, 2022

District #1: Brad Ketcher	Business: Jeff Northgraves	Environmental: Linda Garat
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, Dick Witherspoon, Roger Peabody, Bill Packard, Katie Shaw via Zoom, Linda Garat, Adam Philbrook, Jan Gaudio.

Non-members present: Jeremy Shaw (Manager), Andrew Hart (County Administrator), Dorothy Meriwether (County Commissioner via zoom)

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Ron Vanosdol called the meeting to order @ 5:00PM.

RECOGNIZED GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Lauren Swartzbaugh (OHAAC). Aladar Nesser (Commercial Pilot Nominee). There were no public comments.

Act to approve the Minutes from the March 14th, 2022 Meeting: Bill Packard identified an extra word “rained” that needed to be stricken from the minutes. Bill Packard made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Dick Witherspoon seconded the motion. Chair Vanosdol called for a vote. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

Recognize outgoing members Ron V., and Katie Shaw: The manager announced the Flying Club Seat held by Ron Vanosdol was being vacated, and that the Commercial Pilot Seat held by Katie Shaw, has termed out. APAC members, the airport manager, and Commissioner Meriwether thanked the outgoing members for their service and commitment to the APAC and that they would be missed.

Install/Recognize new APAC members, and introductions: Chair Vanosdol introduced Aladar Nesser as the Commercial Pilot seat to the APAC. Aladar introduced himself and stated how honored he was to be selected for the APAC, and that he moved to the area 4 years ago and lives in Camden. He stated that he is a pilot at Penobscot Island Air, and his background includes service in the US Navy as a naval aviator. There were no questions for Aladar.

Act to review and recommend a replacement to the APAC’s Flying Club seat based on a vote of the Flying Club’s membership: The chair (also current flying club seat representative) reported that the flying club met last Wednesday and nominated Katie Shaw to fill the Flying Club seat that he would be vacating. Katie Shaw said that the committee was a huge part of her life and was happy to be a part of it. She said that she was honored that the flying club made her their nominee by unanimous decision. Chair Vanosdol asked for a motion to recommend Katie to the Knox County Commissioner’s for appointment to the APAC. Bill Packard made the motion, and Roger Peabody seconded the motion. The chair called for a vote. The Vote was 6-2-0 in approval, with Adam Philbrook and Katie Shaw abstaining. Adam Philbrook commented “No offense, Katie”.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIR: Chair Vanosdol asked for nominations for the Chairman of the APAC. Aladar Nesser nominated Katie Shaw for the position of Chairman. The chair noted that the membership could not nominate Katie Shaw yet, because she had not been appointed into her new seat by the Knox County Commission. Roger Peabody nominated Bill Packard as chair. Katie Shaw seconded the nomination. Bill Packard accepted the nomination. Jan Gaudio made a motion to nominate Bill Packard as Chairman of the APAC. Linda Garat seconded the motion. The gavel was then passed to Bill Packard to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

VICE-CHAIR: The manager reported that Jeff Northgraves (absent) would be interested in Vice-Chair. Chair Packard asked for a motion. Jan Gaudio made a motion to make Roger Peabody Vice-Chair. Adam Philbrook seconded the motion. The vote was 7-1-0 with Adam Philbrook abstaining.

SECOND VICE CHAIR: Chair Packard asked for nominations to the Second Vice Chair position. Roger Peabody nominated Jeff Northgraves. Ron Vanosdol seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in approval of the motion.

Airport Manager Updates:

- **Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Owls Head:** The manager provided the Committee with the letter that the County Administrator sent to the Selectmen from the Town of Owls Head referencing the guidance that the County received from the FAA, and that the primary reason the County could not enter into the proposed agreement was Grant Assurance #5, Preserving Rights and Powers, and also Grant Assurance #22, Economic Non-Discrimination. The manager read a paragraph of the County's letter stating their intent to continue the positive relationship with the Town of Owle Head, but they could not enter into the current proposed agreement.
- **Appeal of Taxilane Phase 1 and Taxilane Phase 2 and associated hangars:** The airport manager had no update because the County had not been formally notified of an appeal at the time of the meeting.
- **Terminal Hangar:** The manager reported that they are about 2 weeks ahead of schedule.
- **Airport Operation Facility:** The manager reported that Ops Facility was nearing 95% completion. They were just waiting for the installation of the floors, and then they would do the final coat of paint, and install the countertops and appliances.
- **Solar:** The manager reported that the Solar project Had to go back out to RFP because of Federal Provisions that were not contained within the RFP. Those changes were being made and the County would be putting it back out to RFP soon.
- **Flying Club Internet:** The manager reported that it's "still" coming. Soon, hopefully.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Lauren Swartzbaugh asked about specific language in the last paragraph of the letter that the FAA provided to the County, referencing "if an agreement cannot be reached with the Town, the County can take the appropriate actions to address their concerns." Commissioner Meriwether responded that "we" need to be careful of having a representative of OHAAC coming and addressing and negotiating with the APAC directly, as advisors to the Town, they should be negotiating with the Town, and then the Town should be negotiating with the County.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Bill Packard adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 11th, 2022 via Zoom, at 5pm.