

# TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

August 5, 2015

Commissioners:

- Fred Terra, Chairman
- Bob Adams, Vice-Chairman (absent)
- William Manganiello (absent)
- Jim Madigan
- Burton Schriber (absent)
- Charles Malo
- Jan Boboruzian

Airport Manager:

- Dan Raposa

Treasurer:

- Joe Lawlor

Recording Secretary:

- Gwendolyn Borden (absent)

Airport Ground Services:

- Ted Porada

Meeting Attendees:

Jerry Field	Charlie Pickett	Doug Cooper
Maryan Nowak	Ellen Dubois	Michael Dupont
Melinda Pain-Dupont	Karl Abers	Don Almeida
Luis Gonzales	Frank Nowak	Andrew Garcia
Rene Robillard	Allen Myette	Norman Lemaire
Damin Frattiso		

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Fred Terra

**Airport Engineers Projects Update** – (Dan Raposa reported on the ASG status of airport projects. (see attached report specifics)). Completion (re: Access) of Taxiway B awaiting completion of the security component of the gate.

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**Minutes June 24, 2015 - Jim Motions to accept as presented. Jan seconds the motion. All in favor: Unanimous. So Voted.**

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**Treasurers' Report for July 2015** - Joe reported on airport finances noting an **INCOME** of \$24,354.52 and **EXPENSES** of \$11,040.03 for a positive **Cash Flow** of \$13,314.49. General Ledger 25 Account has a balance of \$132,996.62 and the Grants Ledger 22 Account has a balance of \$218.05.

**Charlie: Motions to accept the report subject to audit and authorize the processing of bills for payment. Jim: second the motion. Discussion : none. All in favor: Unanimous. So Voted.**

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**Airport Managers Report** – Dan reported on the following:

**1. Fuel Survey**

Fuel prices throughout the region shows Taunton AVGAS price in the middle of the price range. A recent fuel drop within the past week was at a cost that Taunton AVGAS prices will remain the same.

**2. Airside Inspections**

All normal, no outages for the lights and all other airside inspections meet standard.

**3. MassDOT inspection of camera installation** Inspection conducted on June 26<sup>th</sup> – All OK/Passed

**4. USDA Deer Eradication Program**

Eric Shaffer of USDA was at Taunton on July 8<sup>th</sup> for a site survey. Informed us that August 6<sup>th</sup>, after dark, four USDA personnel will conduct a segment of the Deer Eradication Program. Three more visits after dark will complete this program.

**5. EPA Multi-sector General Permit.**

Jim Miklas (ASG) and Jen Burke will host a meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>, noon with the FBO's to discuss the Storm-water discharge permits now required for individual business (airport can no long submit a blanket application)

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Skydiving at Taunton**

Andrew Garcia of SkyDive Barnstable would like to conduct skydiving operations at Taunton similar to the operations that he conducted last year. Additionally Mr. Garcia formed a partnership with Thomas Noonan of Baystate Skydiving, an operation already sanctioned at Taunton, to continue long term skydiving operations. This partnership is a new legal entity and Mr. Garcia submitted the documents, business plan reflecting this entity. Concept of operations remain identical.

Proposal.... Andrew Garcia & Skydive Barnstable conduct parachute operations for the month of August extending last year's agreement to this year.

**Charlie: motions to accept the proposal, Jan: seconds the motion. All in favor: Unanimous, So Voted.**

Proposal.... Tom Noonan and Andrew Gracia new partnership dba Baystate Skydiving is authorized to conduct skydiving operations at Taunton and sign all leases as previously held by Tom Nonan

**Charlie: motions to accept the proposal, Jim: seconds the motion. All in favor: Unanimous. So Voted.**

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**Civil Air Patrol Abandonment of Property**

Dan Raposa stated that he had not seen any activity at the CAP trailers for the past year. CAP aircraft have relocated and Jim Madigan reported that the Brockton CAP Squadron no longer exists. Mike Dupont stated that two weeks ago on Saturday he saw kids (aka CAP Cadets) camped out near the trailers and the grass aside the trailers have been cut. TMAC Chairman asked Joe Lawlor to visit Mass Wing to find status of Taunton CAP Assets. Report back next meeting.

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**Airport History Project (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary – 2019)**

Maryan Nowak has authored a two volume set of Taunton Airport history. He has offered to write a follow-on volume containing the last ten years (ending in 2019) at no cost to TMAC for the writing but would like a little financial assistance from the airport to publish the book. BP has offered to print the book at a cost of approx. \$2.00 per book and Mr. Nowak will work the details of publication.

Proposal.... TMAC will fund the publication of Maryan Nowak's 10 year Taunton Airport History book when completed

**Jan: motions to accept the proposal, Jim: seconds the motion. All in favor: Unanimous. So Voted.**

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**Airport Managers Contract**

Annual review will be conducted August 19, 2015 in the TMAC conference room.

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**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Topic:** Self-Fueling, **Presenter:** Frank Nowak

Mr. Nowak is looking for a status, if any, on the self-fuel pump to be established at Taunton. Fred Terra (Chairman) told Mr. Nowak that the self-fuel is too expensive for Taunton to complete by itself – that said, the decision is to piggyback the self-fuel and the Jet A fuel pump on the next TAN FAA/MassDOT sanctioned project. Mr. Nowak asked for a time line and Mr. Terra said that the storm-water rehab project this fiscal year would be the most likely point to piggy back this project.

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**Topic:** Non-sanctioned activities, **Presenter:** Dan Raposa

Mr. Raposa wants to inform the commission of an ongoing situation. On two recent occasions, a group flying activity was held at the airport without knowledge by airport management on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. One activity had a public announcement in the "Taunton Gazette" (the local newspaper) where the local Junior ROTC was going to hold a flying activity at the airport. On the day of that activity, Mr. Raposa asked the participants the status, he was informed that a group of pilots had come together and flew the JROTC participants as "Young Eagles" a sanctioned activity of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Mr. Raposa, unsure of the EAA role in this event, called Mr. Brian Olena, manager of the EAA Young Eagle Program on July 30<sup>th</sup> for EAA's viewpoint in conducting the Young Eagles program. Mr. Olena said that there are two ways to fly Young Eagles 8-17 years of age.

- Individually, pilot is an EAA member, has own insurance, pilot is current, plane is in annual. Pilot takes parent release info, flies, then turns information into EAA headquarters in Wisconsin.
- EAA local chapter rally – prior notification to the local airport...30 day notice. Two or more aircraft flying Young Eagles constitutes a rally. Notice to the airport will identify a field representative or coordinator required and ground support

necessary. EAA provides \$1 million insurance coverage and will provide this certificate to the local airport if requested.

Mr. Raposa wants to state that for use of airport "common use" property (property under the direct control of airport management) any event requires notification to the commission of date, time, place and acceptable insurance coverage.

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**Jan: motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Jim: seconds. All in favor: Unanimous. So voted.**

**NEXT Meeting August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leonard F. Rose SRE Building.**

**Individuals with disabilities, who require assistance or special arrangements to attend, please contact the airport manager at 508-821-2973. We request that you provide a 48 hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.**