



Town of Wiscasset

Minutes of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee

Date/Time: September 6, 2006/6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Location: Airport

Present: **Members** - Ken Boudin (Chair), Bryan Buck, Ervin Deck, Pam Brackett

Non-Voting – Ann Walko (FBO); Mark David; Harvey Oest, Mike Delateski (OEST Associates)

A. FBO Report

1. **Fuel System Upgrades.** Parts have arrived and will be installed this week.
2. **Traffic Pattern:** Keep as is or revert back to left hand on Runway 25? Pam: Chewonki prefers keeping it the same. More discussion to follow in future meetings.
3. **Maine Yankee.** Mock drill scheduled for September 28.

B. Managers Report

1. **Future AIP Projects.** Ann addressed the current FAA/MDOT ACIP for the airport.
 - 2007: Nothing scheduled. Erv motions we try to move replacement of rotating beacon and obstruction light project up from 2008. Ann agrees it's a good idea. Ken seconds. Vote in favor: 4-0. Action: Ann will submit CIP change paperwork to MDOT.
 - 2008: Rotating beacon project (see 1.a. above)
 - 2009: Airport Master Plan Update. Harvey Oest indicates that the FAA and MDOT may want to conduct an engineering feasibility study and ALP update instead of a full master plan update. Committee favors full update, but only after we're sure we have the based aircraft and operations to support a runway extension. FBO will continue to record both.
 - 2010: Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building construction.

C. Old Business

1. **Soule House:** Will be moved soon. Purchased by Sean Rafter.
2. **Taxiway Extension.** Need to ensure the new segmented circle has a traffic direction indicator included. Harvey Oest will look into it.
3. **Wiscasset Municipal Airport Goals and Objectives.** Ann reviewed the airports goals and objectives to ensure MDOT has our correct input.
 - Provide for safe and efficient airport operations
 - Be financially self-supporting

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- Comply with all FAA and MDOT rules, regulations, and guidelines as they pertain to safety
 - Maintain or reestablish good neighbor relationships with nearby property owners and residents
 - Obtain property or easements to allow for adherence to rules and guidelines
 - Lengthen the runway and provide for full taxiway, thereby allowing larger aircraft to use the facility with greater safety
 - Provide hangar space developed either privately or publicly
 - Upgrade or expand maintenance facilities
 - Upgrade facilities and equipment with technology advances
 - Maintain existing facilities and equipment properly to maximize investment

D. New Business

1. **Building Permit.** Mark David, representing David Stack, is seeking building permit for office in one of the t-hangars. This hangar would be for commercial use of an engineering and computer firm. There would be no walk in traffic, but occasional meetings. Hangar must be heated, which requires tanks for fuel. Oest indicated that this may be an issue with the SWPPP. General discussion followed:
 - Condo association must approve
 - Auto parking might be an issue; cannot park more than one vehicle by hangar.
 - Must go through town planning
 - Committee concerned that this will not meet FAA standards because it's an aviation/aeronautical activity. FAA needs to be consulted: Mike Delateski will contact Donna Witte.
 - Ken suggested the possibility of leasing office space in the admin building. Tabled until more information is obtained. The applicant should return to the committee after reviewing options.
2. **Radio Beacon.** The RBN is an antique and maintaining it in light of technological advances in GPS does not make sense financially. After a short discussion, the committee voted 4-0 to not maintain it and to proceed with its decommission. Ann will notify the FAA.

E. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 1, 2006