

Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2004
7:00 PM Wiscasset Airport

Attendees:

Ken Boudin	Committee Chair
Bryan Buck	Committee Member
Sean Rafter	Committee Member
Andrew Gilmore	Economic Development Director, Town of Wiscasset
Don Jones	Chair, Wiscasset Transportation Committee
Don Falvey	Falvey LLC
Harvey Oest	Oest Associates
Tom Raymond	Oest Associates
Ann Walko	Wicked Good Aviation
Mike Muchmore	Wicked Good Aviation
Raoul Hennin	Woolwich Resident
Todd McPhee	Selectman, Town of Woolwich

The meeting opened at 7 pm with introductions of attendees.

Parallel Taxiway Update: Tom Raymond and Harvey Oest gave an overview of the project. At this point the design work is complete and the permitting process (DEP & Wiscasset Planning Board) has begun. The DEP requires a public informational meeting on the project. This meeting is scheduled during the March 2nd Wiscasset Selectmen meeting. (7PM at the Municipal Bldg). A pre-application meeting with the Wiscasset Planning Board is scheduled for their March 8th session. There is approximately 1800 square feet of wetlands that will be impacted for this project. Oest Association is preparing an environmental assessment, as it is required due to prior grant agreements for Wiscasset Airport. Approximately 5 acres of trees will be cleared for proper operation of the relocated windsock at the east end of the field. Proposed construction is 90 to 120 days of work during the summer of 2005. Harvey also reported on the changes to federal and local shares for AIP projects that were passed in the recent Omnibus Bill. Federal grant will be 95% of project cost with state and local shares of 2.5% each. This is an increase in federal share (from 90%) and decreases in state and local share (from 5% each).

Falvey Corporate Hangar Project: Don Falvey has been working with Oest Associates on the design and engineering of his proposed hangar development project at the southwest end of the airport. Plans are to construct taxiway stubs to this ramp area as part of the taxiway project. Tom Raymond gave an overview of this project also. Don asked about the possibility of making the land lease in phases as buildings are completed, as it will be done over several years, as market conditions exist. Andrew Gilmore noted this and would discuss it with the town selectmen. He will also put this project up for discussion on the selectmen's Feb 17th meeting agenda.

Future Airport Development: Discussions covered the future development of the Wiscasset Airport: runway reconstruction/extension, the relocation of Old Ferry Road/Route 144, redevelopment of Maine Yankee area into a technology/industrial area, etc. Ron Roy (MEDOT/OPT) told Harvey that a runway extension at time of reconstruction was a possibility in the 10-year time frame. The airport master plan would need updating and include an extended study for the runway extension. A short question/answer session followed. Andrew announced an information-sharing workshop concerning the future growth of the Wiscasset Airport would take place at the airport on April 19th at 7 pm. The meeting is open to all interested parties and would be announced in the local papers.

The next committee meeting will be held March 3rd at 7 PM at the airport.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes taken by Ann Walko at the request of committee secretary, Ervin Deck.