

Wiscasset Municipal Airport Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024 - submitted by Steve Williams

Opening

The regular meeting of the Wiscasset Airport Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm on February 21 by Chair Steve Williams. Members present: Ray Soule, Mike Costigan, Erv Deck and Stephen Williams. Also in attendance Airport manager Rick Tetrev, Selectman William Maloney, and Economic and Development Director Aaron Chrostowsky.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 17 meeting were read, and approved with no corrections.

Airport Manager's November Report

Fuel Sold

- 100LL Avgas: \$3,539.98 (561.010 gallons)
- Jet-A: \$ 0.00 (0.000 gallons)
- Fuel sales of Avgas in January were down by \$4,926.8 from December, which equates in gallons to 780.80 fewer gallons sold.
- Fuel sales of Jet-A was down by \$1.29 from December. (Sales were down by 0.25 Gallons from December.)
- The price of Avgas remained the same at \$6.31 per gallon and Jet-A remained the same @ \$5.13 per gallon.

Fuel Purchases

- 100LL: none.
- Jet-A: none.

General Comments and Operations:

- Flight activity for the month of January was 141 operations. At the end of January, we have 141 operations for the calendar year.
- Budget wise, we have spent 51% of the budget and have collected 28% of revenues. As noted in last month's report, most of our revenue comes after January with things such as excise taxes and land leases.
- At both the East and West ends of the runway (25 and 07) we have 2 different light services which are owned and operated by the FAA. One is the PAPI Precision Approach Path Indicator, which aids the pilots to have the correct glide slope the other is the REIL Runway End Identification Lights telling the pilot where the end of the runway is. Both of the PAPI systems and the Eastern REIL (25 end) are not working. The FAA has sent

maintenance people up from Massachusetts and are in the process of getting them repaired.

Old Business

- Solar Farm Income- owners behind in their lease payments.
- Airport Manager, Town Manager and Stantec representative to met and discussed scope of work involving ramp repaving. Project to be conducted in three steps so as not to interfere with operations. First section will be in front of FBO building. FAA also proposed grass islands to deter runway incursions from ramp. Alternate approaches offered by several committee members.
- Public Relations- Town is now a member of the Chamber and this should cover the airport.
- Hangar Development- Little progress there. Costs of erecting a building is discouraging interested parties. Explore advertising for potential developers in New England aviation publications. Aaron Chrostowsky had several questions/suggestions regarding increasing airport usage.
- Airport Courtesy Vehicle -Aaron Chrostowsky offered to explore grant opportunities.

New Business

- Committee voted to renew terms Secretary and Chair for six months to adhere to timeline specified in Committee Handbook. Steve Williams has been covering both positions.
- Soule and Costigan suggested an individual as a potential committee member. After discussion the committee voted to create an "alternate" position. Steve Williams to contact Town Manager requesting this change to committee's ordinance. Currently there are five members.
- Brackett and Williams have both been reappointed to the committee.

Airport Minimum Standards

- Dennis Simmon's responded to inquiries on the status of the draft. Erv Deck reviewed with committee minor changes to the draft.

Public Comments

None

Calendar

Next regular meeting is March 20, 2024.

Adjournment

At 6:15

Current Committee Members

Steve Williams Chair 12/26

Erv Deck 12/24

Pam Brackett 12/26

Ray Soule 12/24

Mike Costigan 12/24