

MINUTES OF MEETING

RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION

GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006 AT 11:00 A.M.

IN THE MARY BRENNAN BOARD ROOM,

T. F. GREEN AIRPORT,

2000 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (“Corporation”) General Aviation Committee was called to order by Chair, Dr. Kathleen Hittner at 11:01 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room at T. F. Green Airport, 2000 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886, in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sangster; Don Pillsbury: ex-officio member; Michael Traficante.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Brewer; President & CEO; Laurie Cullen, Executive Vice President; Marci A. Greenberger, Sr. VP Operations and Maintenance; Brian Schattle, Sr. VP Administration and Finance; Peter Frazier, Chief Legal Counsel; Steve Tibbetts, General Manager - Hawthorne Aviation; and those individuals listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.

1. Approval of the Minutes: Dr. Hittner moved that the minutes of the General Aviation Committee Meeting of Tuesday, November 22, 2005, be approved. Mr. Traficante seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Open Forum: Dr. Hittner invited members of the audience to speak in Open Session. No one came forward.

3. Chair's Report: There was no report.

4. General Aviation Report:

Mr. Tibbetts reported that installation of replacement signage and noted that Hawthorne Aviation changed its name to Landmark Aviation. Mr. Tibbetts reported the operation numbers for the general aviation airports remain solid.

5. Aeronautics Report:

Mr. Moder reported on various weather related issues at T. F. Green and the general aviation airports. Mr. Moder reported the T. F. Green Airport Instrument Landing System is under consideration for upgrade. Mr. Moder reported the Quonset Air Show will be scheduled for June 24-25, 2006. Ms. Greenberger reported the weather delayed her site visit to North Central Airport in regards to use of the grass area parallel to Runway 5/23 as a tail-dragger landing strip has been

rescheduled to January 9, 2006 due to weather related issues. Ms. Greenberger stated a report will be ready for the next meeting of the General Aviation Committee.

6. Discussion Items:

(a) Update on Westerly Police Station.

Mr. Cloutier reported a second appraisal of the site for the proposed Westerly Police Station has been completed and reconciled with the first appraisal. Mr. Cloutier reported the second appraisal has been submitted to the FAA. Mr. Brewer complimented Mr. Cloutier on his handling of this issue masterfully.

(b) Update on Construction Projects.

Mr. Sumner reported designs are proceeding for the Block Island Airport runways and safety areas.

Mr. Sumner reported rehabilitations at North Central Airport are under design and are awaiting permitting.

Mr. Sumner reported the seawall at Quonset Airport is under design and that Taxiway "W" was opened on December 27, 2005.

Mr. Sumner reported the construction on Runway 7-25 at Westerly Airport has been completed and the runway reopened on December

2, 2005. .

(c) Update on Environmental Issues.

Ms. Pope reported on the obstruction light project at Newport Airport and the progress of the easement process.

Ms. Pope reported the environmental assessment for Block Island Airport was received and comments are being prepared and will be sent to the FAA.

Ms. Pope reported that on-site tree removal in wetland areas of the Westerly Airport will begin after the ground freezes. Ms. Pope reported the easement program is going forward and Scott Rabideau will be presenting the re-planting program to Westerly residents in February.

7. Executive Session:

(a) Discussion Related to Potential Litigation- R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(2).

At approximately 11:45 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sangster and seconded by Mr. Traficante to go into Executive Session. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

YEAS: Dr. Kathleen Hittner

Robert Sangster

Michael Traficante

NAYS: None

At approximately 12:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Traficante to return to the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sangster. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. Future Meetings:

The next General Aviation Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, at T. F. Green Airport has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2006.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Traficante moved to adjourn at approximately 12:07p.m. Dr. Sangster seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted

**Dr. Kathleen Hittner, Chair
General Aviation Committee of the
Rhode Island Airport Corporation**

**ATTENDANCE SHEET
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
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NAME AFFILIATION

Patti Goldstein RIAC

Liberty Luciano RIAC

Alicia Spearing RIAC

David Cloutier RIAC

Al Moder RIAC

Tim Pimental RIAC

Jason Sumner RIAC

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1. At approximately 2:49 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sangster and seconded by Dr. Hittner to go into Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Frazier provided an update on various potential litigation matters.

3. Ms. Schattle reported on settlement negotiations.

At approximately 12:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Traficante to return to the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sangster. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

YEAS: Dr. Hittner

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NAYS: None

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