

MWRA Commission Meeting

May 9, 2019

Present: Jay Ennis, Dayton Goudie, Jay McCusker, Tim O'Neill, Wendy Roberts, John Tholl, Lyn Tober, John Ogle, Nik Ippolito, Adam Cutler

Approval of Minutes – March 27 & April 19 – motion made by John Tholl, seconded by John Ogle, all voted in favor

Election of Officers- Tim O'Neil nominated Jay Ennis as Chairman, Jay McCusker as Vice-Chair and Wendy Roberts as Treasurer and Secretary, seconded by Lyn Tober, all voted in favor

Engineer's Report – lighting and obstruction project is ongoing, Gale has completed all designs, sets for review were sent to NHDOT, comments were received from NHDOT regarding ineligibility for certain components, conference call was had today, and the LED beacon lights are ineligible. Project will be out for bid next week. Tim O'Neil moved to approve Gale to go out to bid, seconded by Lyn Tober, all voted in favor.

Jim Ash arrived

Discussion had about the tree removal. Gale will bring out a drone and identify the trees on the west end. They have also been in contact with National Wildlife Service regarding the memorandum of understanding and will be having a meeting that the commission will be notified of. If the commission as a whole would like to attend it will have to be a public meeting. Discussion had that the commission would appoint delegates.

Hangar Inspections – John Ogle has drafted letters for the hangar inspections to all the owners. Jay Ennis reviewed for signature and had question regarding the addressing of the buildings. The letters will be amended to remove that provision until the Town has the 911 designations completed.

Snow Removal Post Mortem – first issue is not hitting lights, Jay and Tim will get together to come up with a plan to prevent so much light damage. Wendy to reach out to Paul Cormier to be the equipment operator.

Northern Borders Grant – Wendy advised that the application is due this Friday and likely is not the best time to do it for several reasons – we still have the issue of the sponsor as Whitefield cannot sponsor and using another member town was not successful. The commission is its own body politic but does not have a DUNS number or its own tax identification and would likely be an issue for the committee again. Wendy advised she did not want to submit another application and have it denied. Also, the estimates that were given last year for costs may not be accurate as construction costs have gone up. Discussion had regarding more focus needs to be on exploring obtaining 501(c)3 status which will become a priority after the event and next year looking at applying for fuel farm grant.

National Guard Update – Wendy met with Kevin Womak from National Guard as well as Matt Trovato from Tighe-Bond for site evaluation which was the next step in their process. Wendy provided historical data and walked the property. The meeting was very positive and both Kevin and Matt advised the site looked great and were impressed with how clean and well-maintained the airport was. They saw no issues with moving the project forward and General Mikolaities is very committed to making the project happen.

Fuel Pricing – Jay Ennis reported that aviation fuel has been going up with the median pricing being \$4.95, Tim O’Neil moved to amend the price, John Tholl seconded, all voted in favor.

Discussion had regarding discounting the fuel price for the Fly-in to \$3.99, Tim O’Neil moved to discount the fuel price to \$3.99 for the day of the Fly-In and if rain date continue on the rain date, seconded by Lyn, all voted in favor

QT Pod – discussion had about the discontinuance of the QT Pod terminal support, Jay Ennis is planning on flying around and will investigate other service options.

Other- John reported there has been a proposal to the town to put a solar sight off of McKee drive, there also is a possibility that there may be a solar project in the space that a Town Forest is proposed for. Discussion had about whether the airport should be looking into having solar space on airport property.

Discussion had regarding the SRE lock and getting an additional key which has proven difficult vs. changing the lock to a code lock. John Tholl made a motion authorizing up to \$200 to change the lock on one door to a combo, seconded by Tim. All voted in favor. Jay Ennis took responsibility to make it happen.

Meeting adjourned.