

Airport Committee

Meeting Minutes

10/17/16

In Attendance: Christina Therrien, Mike Radeka, David Olsen, Wayne Merritt, Jim Whalen, Ben Edwards, Jim Sparaga, Josh Rolfe, Bill, Kitchen, Wesley Graham, Lani Smith

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Old Business:

Obstruction Removal

- All available funds will go to tree obstruction removal
- Mike Stanton (arborist) is interested in topping trees
- C. Hatt has approved cutting trees on her land. Three major obstructions on her land. Still not sure where J. McClure stands on removing trees on his property. Need to follow up with the Brown's on Guptill's being scheduled to cut on their property. They are scheduling this for themselves.
- Downeast Coastal Conservancy may have a plan to reuse cut trees for education purposes. Possibility of two people interested in the project for DECC. Not sure if they are able to meet the 12/1 deadline. DECC also has legalities to deal with because of conservation land. It was reported that permission has been given for trees cut on that end can be pulled out through the old fairgrounds.

NBD Poles

- Mike R. has looked in to what is needed to take these down. More than just sawing down poles. Project will still be completed.

Scoping Meeting

- Scheduled for Monday, October 24, 10am. At the town office.

Heat

- CAP will contribute \$200 towards the heat pump. Still need funds of \$600 to \$800

New Business:

Brush

- Piling, chipping and cleanup is in progress. Everyone is welcome to help. Saturday mornings 8 to 11.
- Arise Addiction Recovery can use scrap wood. Salvageable logs will be cut in 4' length for pick up from Arise.

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Terminal Building Doors are in

New beacon pole and windsock frame have arrived

Runway Plan

- After discussion and brainstorming, the committee has decided to commit to an option other than a runway extension. Runway extension plan has never been an ideal plan. It doesn't give enough footage or have room on either side, between the river and Rt 1, to allow for expansion. This includes the minimum that LifeFlight needs for regular landing capability. Local business and private users have insurance restrictions in regards to the size of the airport. Donor is willing to be an investor in this project. Donor representative suggests using Fountain Forestry for necessary land acquisition.
- A diagonal runway has already been mapped. Mike R has provided pictures. This would give a 4000' to 5000' runway.
- This will be discussed in the scoping meeting scheduled for Monday.
- There will need to be an amendment to the master plan
- Fundraising is a necessity.
- Airport Committee is accumulating in kind hours.

Airport finances

- Committee agrees that we should look in to reusing the nonprofit status used in the past, Machias Aviation Services.
- Agreed that funds should still go through the town, but have more like an Enterprise account.

Other

- Davis Estates' charter company is willing to write a letter of support for the ongoing efforts to improve the airport.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 31, 6pm at the airport

Scoping Meeting: Monday, October 24, 10 am. Town Office

Lani Smith

Secretary

5) Fundraising opportunities

Other Business

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