

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
County Of Dukes County, S.S.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**

**October 18, 2000 6:00 pm
Martha's Vineyard Airport**

Notice of Such Meeting having been Posted as Required by Law.

Present: Airport Commissioners: Chair Tim Carroll, Robert Carroll,* Frank Daly,* John Alley,* Linda Sibley,* Robert Smith, Marc Villa
Others: Bill Weibrecht - Airport Manager, Sean Flynn - Assistant Airport Manager, Charles DeWitt - Palmer & Dodge,* David Moore - Hanger, Katherine Wiley - VineyardGazette, M. Peter Rogers - Daniele & Rogers Hanger bidder, Marni Lipke - Recorder

* Late arrival or early departure (see * in text)

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 pm.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes October 4, 2000. (emailed direct)

MR. JOHN ALLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 4, 2000 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MS. LINDA SIBLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH 4 AYES, AND MR. ROBERT SMITH AND MR. MARC VILLA ABSTAINING.

MS. SIBLEY MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:04PM, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION; MR. ALLEY SECONDED; MR. ALLEY-AYE, MS. SIBLEY-AYE, MR. BOB CARROLL-AYE, MR. ROBERT SMITH-AYE, MR. MARC VILLA-AYE, CHAIRMAN TIM CARROLL-AYE.

* Mr. Frank Daly joined the meeting.

MS. SIBLEY MOVED TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 6:33PM; MR. ALLEY SECONDED; MR. ALLEY-AYE, MS. SIBLEY-AYE, MR. BOB CARROLL-AYE, MR. SMITH-AYE, MR. VILLA-AYE, CHAIRMAN TIM CARROLL-AYE, MR. FRANK DALY-AYE.

2. Presentation of memorandum, Charles E. DeWitt Jr. of Palmer and Dodge

After some discussion **MR. VILLA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF PALMER AND DODGE ON THEIR OCTOBER 17, 2000 MEMORANDUM AND TO FORWARD A SUMMARY OF SAID RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MASSACHUSETTS AERONAUTICS COMMISSION AND TO FOLLOW SAID COMMISSION'S RESULTING RECOMMENDATIONS; SECONDED BY MR. SMITH; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

* Mr. Alley and Ms. Sibley left the meeting.

3. Approval of requirement for re-development of the Hadley Hangar parcel.

Airport Manager Bill Weibrecht presented and reviewed a memorandum on requirements for bids. Among other issues bidders will be responsible for entrance and exit ramps that do not negatively impact access to the back hangers, an existing water line, access roads, disposal of the current hanger, air space clearance and the oversight of a professional engineer as well as

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financing security. The list of bidders from the previous RFP will be notified, otherwise the project will be advertised locally only. **MR. ROBERT CARROLL MOVED THAT THE AIRPORT MANAGER MEET AND NEGOTIATE WITH PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS FOR THE 'HADLEY HANGER' PARCEL, FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES SET OUT IN HIS OCTOBER 17, 2000 MEMORANDUM AND BRING BACK A FINAL PROPOSAL TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT COMMISSION; MR. SMITH SECONDED; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Review and Selection of Airport Master Plan Update Public Advisory Team.

Mr. Weibrecht presented a list of prospective candidates and vacant slots for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Alley has also asked to be part of the Team. **MR. ROBERT CARROLL MOVED TO TABLE THE MATTER UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, NEW APPLICATIONS BEING STILL ACCEPTED BUT NO FURTHER SOLICITATION / ADVERTISING TO BE DONE; MR. SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Mr. Weibrecht will inform Vice Chair Sibley for the next meeting.

5. Review of aircraft accident N60BT October 6, 2000.

Mr. Weibrecht reported that the National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB) considered that the pilot had begun his approach too low and had never recovered. Response time by the airport and the towns was about 4 minutes and in fact there was so much equipment that it became difficult to maneuver. The crash happened off airport property so the incident is under the jurisdiction of Edgartown, although the plane itself is currently in Mr. Weibrecht's possession awaiting final NTSB action. Mr. Weibrecht was concerned over poor communication capability among airport personnel which he expects to rectify shortly. A letter to the estate offering Airport assistance in recovering personal effects or in dealing with the authorities will be written. Mr. Weibrecht has invited all Island towns to a Massachusetts Fire Academy training and hopes to engender team work and consultation on aviation incidents. Mr. Villa asked to be notified of any resistance to this cooperative effort

-Mr. Weibrecht and Mr. Flynn reported on the Sprint PCS sub-lease. The vote to requiring 40% of the gross from the sublease (see 7/19/00 Minutes p. 2, Item 4) although accepted by Pyramid Acquisitions, who represent both Sprint and Nextel--the sub-lessee, was rejected by Sprint. Sprint has now sent a letter protesting unreasonable withholding of sublet approval. Legal counsel has been consulted and considers it a matter of effectively reducing the value of airport property.

- To the Commissioners great satisfaction Mr. Flynn reported that Mr. Dan Whiting of Heathland Realty Trust has reached zero balance ahead of his deadline (see 6/7/00 Minutes p. 1 Item 3.)

- Likewise Mr. Flynn discovered and requested an outstanding payment of \$13,000 from Commute Air which has also been received (see 10/4/00 Minutes p. 2.) US Air will remain as a presence and has notified the Airport Manager that Coleman will be picking up the CommuteAir route, initially with service to Boston but adding service to LaGuardia in January, 2001.

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- The Laundromat has sent a letter of request to increase the Lot from 14,000 to 66,000 sq. ft. which is within the time limit voted (see 8/2/00 Minutes p. 5, Item 6.) The request will be held pending completion of the survey and input from the Master Plan Update.

9. Adjournment

**MR. BOB CARROLL MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:00; MR. VILLA SECONDED;
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**