

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

**October 4, 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

Others: Bill Weibrecht - Airport Manager, Sean Flynn - Assistant Airport Manager, Steve Hoss - SAV Association, Cole Louison – Vineyard Gazette.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

2. Martha's Vineyard Public Storage (Lot 25) - final Approval

Assistant Airport Manager Sean Flynn reported that this project was previously reviewed. All recommendations have been incorporated into the new plans and the Martha's Vineyard Commission has approved them. **MR. FRANK DALY MOVED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC STORAGE PLANS; MS. LINDA SIBLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. RWS Realty Trust, Thomas Seaman (Lot 29) - Request To Exercise Option.

Mr. Flynn reported that this lot was divided to accommodate the original tenants and that Mr. Tom Seaman has asked to exercise his option to rent the remaining piece of the lot. Terms and rates will be identical with the current lease. **MR. JOHN ALLEY MOVED TO ALLOW RWS REALTY TRUST TO RENT THE REMAINING PORTION OF LOT 25 AT THE SAME RATE AS THE CURRENT PORTION AND THE LEASE TERM TO MATCH THE LEASE IN FORCE; MR. DALY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Sprint PCS - Sub-lease Update.

*As Ms. Sibley recused herself, there was not sufficient quorum to discuss the matter. An update is available from the Airport Manager.

5. Airport Manager's Update

- Mr. Bill Weibrecht reported that there was a crash with moderate injuries east of Worcester last week involving a regular summer resident who has been flying in and out of the MV Airport all summer. The airport did not service the plane and is not implicated in the crash.

- The final agreement for the Airport Master Plan has been filed in time for the Federal grant deadline. The State grant is to be voted on October 11, 2000.

- The press release for the Public Advisory Team (PAT) (see 9/20/00 Minutes p. 2 item 6) was covered by both papers and letters have been received in response. The cut off date for requests is October 13.

- Hoyle Tanner has begun the inventory for the Master Plan. They are researching zoning codes, interviewing police, tenants, airlines, and other operators. An engineer spent two days in the field documenting issues and procedures. Hoyle Tanner will keep the PAT updated and submit drafts to the Commission.

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- Operations staff raked out, seeded and fertilized the grass in the tie down area. This will be a great savings over hydroseeding.
- The approach to the airport will be out of service for overhauling and upgrade, including a cable and phone change. Depending on weather and flight check approval the projected date is Nov. 1, 2000 to avoid weekend and holiday traffic.
- During the last storm a switch at the 911 center and in the Airport fused, so the entire switch system will be replaced. County Manager Carol Borer has said the County will pursue their own generator system for the Communication Center and the Airport will assist them where possible.
- Mr. Weibrecht met with Mr. Charlie Noonan in regards to the new composting proposal. The FAA determined against the composting portion because it attracts birds which are an aviation hazard. However, Mr. Weibrecht will research how much of a change the new plan presents from the current transfer station. The matter will be discussed at the next All Island Selectmen's meeting.
- Midwest Air Traffic Control's contract is being renewed and updated with a wage change.
- CommuteAir is terminating their contract with US Air Express as of Dec. 2, 2000 and changing to Continental. They will not be flying to Martha's Vineyard and the Airport has not yet been informed of replacement service. Steps are being taken to make sure all payments are cleared.
- New Federal wage rates have been posted including Air Traffic Specialists who are paid hourly. The contract tracks the direct hours which are being back updated and billed through Dukes County. Chairman Tim Carroll noted that this service, which could be done by the Assistant Airport Manager, should be remembered when the Airport begins to pay for County services.

6. Fuel Farm Update

Mr. Weibrecht reported that the electrical service to the farm is up to speed except for one piece which is awaiting a part. The final upgrades such as the OSHA catwalk, fuel recovery systems, etc. are expected in the next two or three weeks. One of the safety switches is being upgraded to code. The concrete is finished and will be sealed by staff and the grounds seeded.

7. CIP/AIP/ASMP Update

Chairman Tim Carroll asked Mr. Weibrecht to summarize various grants and matching fund sources for the Capital Improvement Project (CIP), the Airport Improvement Project (AIP) and the Airport Safety and Maintenance Project (ASMP) including Snow Removal Equipment (SRE), etc. The FAA provides most of the funding with some additional money from the Mass. Aeronautics Commission (MAC) and a small portion paid by the Airport itself. Mr. Weibrecht distributed a summary and reviewed the current projects. The environmental part of the design and permitting of the taxiway to the business park is in progress. The Rapid Intervention Vehicle (RIV) has been researched to comply with new regulations expected in September, 2001 and is now projected to be a mid-size chassis with about 750 gallons of water and appropriate foam and equipment. (Another RIV for quick medical response may be necessary in the near future.) Spec's for a maintenance tractor have been determined and revised. The spec list for the first phase of the Gate Access system for proximity card readers and gate access controls has also been started. Chairman Tim Carroll inquired after the location of the apron. Whether it is paved or grass and whether it is part of the business park of the airport is still being determined.

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8. Business Park Update

Mr. Flynn reported that the Park is proceeding as usual with no substantial problems or progress on outstanding issues. Mr. Weibrecht reported that the continuing issue of the infrastructure is awaiting the Attorney General's office and Counsel input (see 9/ 20/00 Minutes p. 1 item 5.)

Chairman Tim Carroll passed around the letter to the County Treasurer (see 9/6/00 Minutes p.2-3, item 6) for review by the members. He also reported that as yet no action has been taken by the Dukes County Commissioners on the size of the Airport Commission (see 8/16/00 Minutes p. 1.) There was a discussion on the legalities of the timing of the decision. Chairman Tim Carroll noted that if the Board chose to continue at nine Commissioners it would be expedient to start generating community interest and recruiting. **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD THAT CHAIRMAN TIM CARROLL DRAFT A MEMO ASKING THE DUKES COUNTY COMMISSION TO SIGNAL ITS PROBABLE COURSE IN THIS MATTER.**

Mr. Bob Carroll expressed his wish to finish his service on the board and agreed to write a letter to that effect. Chairman Tim Carroll invited him to sit in at any time.

In a point of information, Mr. Alley, as a member of the Retirement Board informed the Airport Commission that the Retirement Board which is now in their new quarters at the airport, needs more space. They are currently talking to Dukes County about a second addition (25 ft. by 40 ft.) to the County building. Chairman Tim Carroll pointed out that the County, although itself not paying rent for their building, is charging the Retirement Board rent for their space. He noted that this would be another point to take into account when the Airport begins to pay for County services.

9. Adjournment

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

CALENDAR

MAC Meeting October 11, 2000

Next MVY Commission Meeting is October 18, 2000 at 6:00pm.

MVY Commission meetings next month November 1, & 15 at 6:00pm.

BILL, TIM, AND/OR SEAN;

PLEASE NOTE: The minutes for 9/6/00 and 9/20/00 have not been approved due to insufficient quorums. Please remember to place these on the agenda for the Nov. 1 meeting.

Thank you.