

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

**April 4, 2000 5:30 pm  
Martha's Vineyard Airport**

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

Present: Airport Commissioners: Chairman Robert Wasserman, Marc Villa, Dan Flynn, Tim Carroll, Linda Sibley, Frank Daly, John Alley

Others: Bill Weibrecht - Airport Manager, Carol Borer - Dukes County Manager, David Cornfield - All-Island Car Rentals; Rick Domas, Dick Ludders - Hoyle Tanner Aviation; Warren Terrell, Walter Lovett, Jay Wood, Jim McLaughlin, Randy Christensen - Dufresne Henry.

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

The meeting was called to order.

The agenda order was revised to accommodate the public.

3. Accept Public Comment, Discussion and Final Review of Airport Vehicle Parking Plan and Rates

Mr. Weibrecht reviewed the plan. The goal is to make parking more efficient and convenient for passengers. Parking, rental cars, pick up / drop off, and long term storage have all been revised. Monthly rates were eliminated in favor of weekly and annual rates. All rates were increased to encourage turn over. Mr. David Cornfield of All-Island Car Rentals felt the plan addressed most of the issues that have been troubling him. He suggested some word changes for clarification. It was emphasized rental cars will not be left in front of the airport. Mr. Flynn also asked that rental car companies who do not have outlets in the airport also be allowed to pick up and drop off passengers, although no soliciting will be allowed. The issue of loss of revenue due to rental agreements signed at non-airport rental car offices was brought up by Ms. Sibley and will be monitored. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Carroll also asked that year round voting private residents with Mass. licenses be allowed an annual rate of \$500. It was suggested that two or three parking spaces be set aside for the picnic area.

2. Interview and Selection of Engineering Consultant

Du Fresne Henry and Hoyle Tanner Aviation gave their presentations and were interviewed. The merits of the candidates were discussed at length. Mr. Villa and Mr. Weibrecht reported that eight applications were received. Five or six made the first cut. Mr. Weibrecht has worked previously with Du Fresne Henry with excellent results. He spoke well of their record for project completion which expedites funding reimbursement. Du Fresne Henry's history of projects at the airport was discussed. Hoyle Tanner Aviation presentation was technologically impressive.

***John Alley moved to authorize the Airport Manger to negotiate with Hoyle Tanner Aviation to be contracted as Airport Engineering consultants for the next three years; Mr. Villa seconded; MOTION PASSED with Mr. Carroll abstaining.*** The Commissioners asked Mr. Weibrecht to inform Hoyle Tanner Aviation that they felt the specific needs of the Martha's Vineyard Airport

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had not been specifically addressed in their presentation and expected rectification of this lack in the near future.

\*Mr. Flynn left and returned to the room.

1. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2000.

***Mr. Alley moved to approve the March 15, 2000 Minutes as written; Ms. Sibley seconded; MOTION PASSED with Mr. Flynn abstaining.***

4. Manger's Report

Mr. Weibrecht have moved on three fronts to meet preparation requirements. 1) In house trainings for CFR crews were conducted by the State Fire Academy for Airport Crashes. This was also used as an Aircraft Familiarization Course toward hourly training. 2) The tri-annual Mass Casualty Drill for the airport at which a plane crash was faked. The drill went well and time frames were met. Issues will be addressed by the Island Fire Chiefs and MS crews. The trailer is currently a critical item. Letters of thanks will be issued to all participating agencies. Mr. Carroll and Mr. Flynn expressed their admiration for the airport staff and the drill in general. 3) A preliminary 139 inspection was conducted by Inspector Bunker was conducted as a dry run. Results will be prioritized and addressed with the FAA Certification and Security personnel.

5. Preliminary FY 2001 Budget Review and Approval

Mr. Wasserman commended Mr. Weibrecht and Mr. Villa for their hard work in assembling the budget. The budget will be reviewed by County Manager Carol Borer with Mr. Weibrecht. The motion to reserve the storage shed and wastewater replacement for possible funding of the stabilization account (see 3/29/00 Minutes) needs to be revised. Mr. Weibrecht pointed out that the storage shed money has already been reserved for possible funding of sound proofing in the terminal (see 3/15/00 Minutes p. 2) although Mass. Aeronautics Commission (MAC) funds are still expected to cover the acoustics cost.

\*Mr. Flynn recused himself and left the room.

Mr. Weibrecht identified three line items to cover the discrepancy, the assistant manager's salary as the position is still vacant, the hazardous materials disposal can be accommodated for a six week period, and the shop machine and power tool replacement can be delayed. A new letter will be drafted and County Treasurer Noreen Flanders has been informed of the change. ***Mr. Villa moved to change the letter that is scheduled to go to the County Treasurer by removing the storage shed line item at \$25,000 and replacing it with the Assistant Manager line item at \$14,000, the Hazardous Materials Disposal line item at \$5,000 and the Shop Machinery and Power Tools line item for \$7,000; Ms. Sibley seconded; MOTION PASSED.***

\*Mr. Flynn returned to the room.

Mr. Villa reminded the Airport Commission that in working with the MAC and Senator Rauschenbach the bond period was extended to at least 30 years. He advocated for the financial advantage of seeking a 15 year bond. Mr. Carroll reviewed the material distributed at the March

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29, 2000 meeting. The advantages and disadvantages of twelve year vs. fifteen year terms were explored. It was clear that the first year will be a difficult year. ***Mr. Villa moved to seek a 15 year bond; Mr. Tim Carroll seconded; MOTION PASSED.***

6. Chairman's Report

Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Villa will attend a Wednesday April 12, 2000 12 noon meeting of the Dukes County Advisory Board on the FY 2001 budget. Budget questions should be directed to Mr. Weibrecht. A brief Airport Commission meeting on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2000 at 5:30.

7. Adjournment

***Mr. Alley moved to adjourn; Ms. Sibley seconded; MOTION PASSED.***