



Taunton Municipal Airport Commission
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 26, 2023

Commissioners:

Steve Turner- Chairman
Steve Rogers- Vice Chairman
Kenneth Gibson
Jonathan LeMaire
Craig Foley
Burton Schriber
Zena Shivers

Airport Manager: Interim Andrew Estus

Treasurer/Secretary Zena Shivers

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll call taken:

Steve Turner - present
Steve Rogers - present
Burton Schriber - present

There is No Quorum, therefore no votes will be taken, discussion only.

2. Public Input

Doug Cooper- Bristol RI. Representing TPA, Thanking Commission for reaching out to the TPA and having communication and corporation. This has been a long time coming but feels we are where we need to be at the Airport, feels like a new day. States that the TPA wants to promote the Airport wants the airport to thrive. Mr. Cooper also states that that the TPA feels that they are not just stakeholders, but shareholders. They would really like to know more about the finances at the airport, income and expenses, states that it is finally a pleasure to be here.

On discussion, Chairman Turner expresses thank you, states that the commission wants to be partners with the Users and TPA. Wants to be very transparent. Steve Rogers, states wants to work as team.

Ed Ross, Taunton Ma. Need to draw in people, bring in income, asks about restaurant. Would also like a charter service.

On Discussion Chairman Turner will try to have update on Restaurant and appreciates Mr. Ross' input.

Charles Wright, Taunton MA. Wants to see the airport grow and be friendly, but must get rid of toxic environment. Don't need to have arguments, be able to discuss things without grudges, calling for special meetings. Next discusses Entry/exit requirements, why have badges for exit, no other airports have them.

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On discuss, Chairman Turner will further look into this, as also believe that you should be able pull up to the gate on exit and have the gate open. Andrew states the also Quonset Point also uses pressure pads on exit. Craig Shuster also states that Westfield and Hyannis which are part 139 commercial service, has what's called Free Exit Loop, using card to get in, however uses the pressure pads on exit. Chairman Turner reiterates that we will definitely look at. Mr. Wright would like it to be put on the agenda and have a vote.

Parking regulations, why was this 72 hour policy into place? 72 hour restriction is ridiculous. Causes conflicts. Chairman Turner, will put into discussion.

Mr. Wright then discusses new pilot lounge be open, Chairman Turner says we are working on it.

The Next item, clarification of permitted places to operate vehicles in the air side. SOPs do not explain taxiways, SOPs online wrong dates, each page is dated wrong. Commissioner Schriber says that revisions are done usually by a revision bars, and shows you what changes are. Mr. Wright would like clear direction where you can and can not drive. Chairman Turner will be forming subcommittees.

Mr. Wright also asks about the restaurant, Commissioner Rogers explains that we did go out for a RFP, and we have some potential prospects.

3. Engineers Report

1. The Fuel farm permitting on hold until they do Taxiway A permitting for next fiscal year
2. Aeronautical study for Runway 12-30. Hopefully grant will come in.
3. Discusses CIP meeting with MASSDOT and FAA. Think about next year's projects.
4. Discusses moving Taxiway A environmental permitting.

4. Secretary Report – Tabled

5. Treasurers Report – Tabled

6. Airport Manger Report

Grass cutting, going well, runway lights all working, repair to the PAPI lights. Talks with City about potential restaurant clients. Gate #5 will be fixed by Citiworks. Worked with Melinda compiling email address of all pilots and users.

- Close out Hanger 16 Purchase
- Has decided to step down as interim manager August 4th 2023.

6. Old Business

- 20 – 23 Budget
- Restaurant, walk through with potential prospect. Also have a second person interested.

7. New Business

- Conflict of interest with potential Commissioner and Hanger President. Will follow up with email to chairman.
- Chair and Vice Chair meet with City regarding ribbon cutting, open house, will be meeting with TPA and work together with planning.
- Next Meeting August 23, 2023.

8. Adjourn