

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Nashua Airport Authority was held at Daniel Webster College, in room 209 in the Eaton-Richmond Center, University Dr., at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

Chairman Griffin Dalianis called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Dalianis
Vice Chairman Britton
Treasurer Rosenblum
Director Gill

Absent: Secretary Davidson

PUBLIC INPUT – none at this time

MINUTES – February 2009 business meeting

MOTION BY Director Gill to accept the minutes as read.

SECONDED BY Treasurer Rosenblum

MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT – February 2009 unaudited financials

MOTION BY Treasurer Rosenblum to accept the February 2009 financials pending the annual audit.

SECONDED BY Director Gill

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Rosenblum noted that two certificates of deposit in the amount of \$240,000 each will be opened within a week, one at the Nashua Savings and one at the Merrimack County Bank.

The income and expense statement (page 7 of financial report) we are still ahead of projection in land leases and in the negative in fuel flowage. The building and grounds maintenance account shows a negative of \$1975 due to a reimbursement for a taxiway sign that was paid for in a prior month.

COMMUNICATIONS – read and assigned by Director Gill

NAA-09-02 NHDOT / Aircraft Operating Fee Return agreements Satisfied

REPORTS

Tower Report

Airport Manager

Manager Rankin informed the Board that the rotating beacon will be replaced with a rehabbed LED beacon. Manager Rankin was able to exchange the current beacon and spare parts for a new refurbished LED unit. The new beacon will be 33% brighter than the current one. The total outlay for the installation will be \$570 for a crane rental. This will give us a new better and brighter beacon as well as cleaning up “spare parts” that are taking up space.

The budget review with the Board of Aldermen will be held on May 5th the same evening as the meeting with the Nashua Conservation Committee. Manager Rankin plans to attend both meetings.

Manager Rankin reported that the meeting with Mayor Lozeau had gone quite well. She has been made aware that the airport may have to ask the City of Nashua for help in funding projects if the State of New Hampshire eliminates their 2 ½% match to federal funds.

Manager Rankin further reported that he had spoken to Betty Laske and Peg Gilmour (both senators in Concord) and they are in agreement that the state match funding should continue.

Chairman Dalianis requested that the five members of the Executive Board be sent communication concerning the match funding. Manager Rankin will take care of this matter.

Airport Engineer

Colleen Maillaux of Gale Associates reported that the Environmental Assessment has been sent out to interested parties and is available at the Airport Manager's office for review. The report will also be accessible on line for those that want to read the report. The assessment will be finalized the first week of April.

Barry Hammer spoke to the proposed 100% funded *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project* at the Nashua Airport. This project is a possible tower apron reconstruction. All proposed projects need to be "shovel ready" when the funds are actually allocated. The State has requested the Airport move forward as if this were a fully programmed project and to make sure it is ready should it be selected for funding.

COMMITTEES

- Salary and compensation comparison – no report
- Liaison to Nashua Chamber of Commerce and City of Nashua Economic Development – no report

Vice Chairman Britton suggested that an alternate be assigned to the Economic Development committee whereas Secretary Davidson is traveling a great deal. Chairman Dalianis assigned both Vice Chairman Britton and Director Gill to the committee.

Treasurer Rosenblum reported that he had attended a breakfast meeting at Daniel Webster College with a presentation by the Nashua Chamber of Commerce. Treasurer Rosenblum noted that the Authority had good representation at the function.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

OTHER

Vice Chairman Britton spoke to the fact that Mayor Lozeau had been made aware that the airport may have to have financial help from the City of Nashua for the runway project. Manager Rankin noted that the airport gives the City of Nashua over one half million dollars a year in tax revenue and it is perhaps time for the city to give back. Manager Rankin noted he had also informed the Mayor of the possibility of the stimulus 100% funded project.

Vice Chairman Britton also noted that Gale Associates will be giving a higher level briefing of the Environmental Assessment at a Ward 1 meeting to be held on April 29, 2009. Vice Chairman Britton asked that this meeting be posted on the Nashua Airport Authority website.

PUBLIC INPUT

Roland Noyes suggested that the City be made aware of the total impact the airport has to the City of Nashua revenue. It goes much further than the taxes that are paid.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Director Gill to adjourn

SECONDED BY Treasurer Rosenblum

MOTION CARRIED. (7:06pm)

Respectfully submitted,

John Gill
Director

CC: City Clerk's office

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