

DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, March 20, 2007

01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman John Ashkar

02 Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Baker

Absent: Frizzell, Oppermann

03 Motion made to accept the December 21, 2006 minutes seconded, and unanimously approved.

04 Liaison Report:

As Commissioner Oppermann was not present, there was no liaison report.

05 Administrator's Monthly Report:

Mr. Safranek gave a brief update on the snow removal from the last storm, also advising the Payloader is down for service. We are planning on removing the snow from the runways/taxiways to the corners of the field. The tree cutting situation is moving forward as we have hired Hoyle, Tanner to facilitate all that is necessary for the Wooster and Grenier properties. The Common Council has approved the Grenier piece to go forward and waiting for the DOT for the Wooster part.

Commissioner Baker requested a written report from the Airport Administrator each month, as well as any and all reports that are being submitted to the FAA.

Attorney Pinter gave a brief update on the information that the City has been providing the FAA regarding Grenier and Wooster, and HT&A is in the process of revising our action plan to the FAA.

Mr. Safranek reminded the Commission that the Wooster letter has to wait to go up to DOT until after the Common Council approved it.

Motion made to open Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Public Speaking:

Mr. Rob Zohn, Business Aircraft, commented on the poor snow removal that was done this past storm and the breaking action reports which should be updated regularly, high snow banks, and Notam procedures. It is a great asset to have Mr. Safranek at the airport which makes up for the lack of communications and equipment.

Mr. Wayne Toher, Reliant Aircraft, commented also on the lack of snow removal equipment and commended the maintenance staff for doing the job they are doing with the lack of proper equipment.

A brief discussion was held on the procedures for the breaking action reports.

Mr. Ashkar advised the City of Danbury trucks are available to help with the snow removal, but not until after the streets have been plowed.

Mr. Zohn reiterated that it has been about 2 years since the City increased our fees two to three times as any other airport and we still do not have the required services in the winter or summer, and believe the City should spend the money on purchasing a snow blower with sweeper.

Mr. Safranek advised that the Airport has received the funds from the City for a new larger lawn mower and a new tractor/mower in 2008.

Mr. Curt Brunjes, Curtiss Aero, advised that our facility was blocked in by the snow piles and request that this be addressed to allow us ingress and egress to the runways. Mr. Safranek advised them of the proper procedures for the snow removal and the airport's plan on the snow plowing procedures.

Mr. Santo, Danbury Aviation (New England Aircraft), regarding the "Mig" on his property and advised he will be moving it to his tie-down area, but was told Mr. Estefan will make arrangements to remove the old trailer on his property.

There was a general consensus that all FBO's on the field would like to receive the standard plowing procedures as well as the written monthly report from the Airport Administrator.

Motion made to close Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Part 150 Noise Study Update: Chairman Ashkar advised that we received a report from the FAA Regional Office and in that report it stated basically that there was no noise problem at Danbury Airport. We will make arrangements to have copies sent to all the FBO's for your records.

New Business

Business Aircraft Center, Renewal of Lease: Mr. Zohn advised he has submitted his notice to the City of Danbury for renewal of his lease. Attorney Pinter advised there was no need for the Commission to vote on this extension of lease.

Sadler Aircraft Center, Reconfiguration for Aircraft Condominiums: There was no one present from Sadler to present their proposal.

Motion was made to table the Sadler Aircraft Center request, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.

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