

**DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.  
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810  
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, May 22, 2007

**01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman John Ashkar**

**02 Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Baker, Opperman

Absent: Frizzell

**03 Motion made to accept the April 17, 2007 minutes seconded and unanimously approved.**

**04 Liaison Report:**

Commissioner Opperman had no liaison report to discuss..

**05 Administrator's Monthly Report:**

Mr. Safranek gave a brief report on behalf of the Administrator stating the line striping will be done on May 29, 2007. He also reported that the FAA has mandated that we create non-movement areas which will be added when the line striping is being done, and all personnel will need to be trained as per Part 139. Mr. Safranek also advised the budget has been completed and distributed the Revenue Source with the commission, and gave a brief update on the Aircraft Registration statutes and reported on the registration of aircraft. Mr. Safranek thanked the FBO's for supplying the aircraft information needed to complete this process.

Mr. Estefan gave a brief report on the tree cutting stating the appraisals are still being done. The common council approved the acquisition for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the Grenier property at the May meeting.

Commissioner Opperman asked if the city-ramp by the tower was going to be used to tie aircraft down at some time, in which Mr. Estefan replied that there is a proposal to Danbury Aviation to take over that portion of the airport to give them the additional acreage for an FBO.

Commissioner Opperman concurred. Mr. Estefan advised this proposal will be going before the Commission and the common council at the appropriate time. Discussions followed clarifying the land involved and the process that will be happening in the future.

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

**Public Speaking:**

Mr. Curt Brunjes of Curtiss Aero advising they are requesting a Category "B" Permit to conduct flight training at our facility.

Mr. Zohn brought up the Aircraft Registrations all FBO's have cooperated in this process but to hold the FBO's accountable and responsible would be ludicrous in that we are not ultimately responsible for the individual aircraft registration. Everybody is trying to cooperate but the individual themselves are responsible.

Mr. Safranek advised that this year we're up about 35% over the last couple of years and the FBO's have been cooperating and very helpful in this process. Commissioner Opperman asked if Airport personnel were going around the field to check for the registration decal, in which Mr. Safranek advised that every time a plane taxis on Alpha to 26, we write the "N" number down and check to see if they are registered. Mr. Safranek advised there are approximately 242 aircraft on the field. Commissioner Ashkar stated up 40% was great and to keep up the good work.

Mr. Zohn stated that this airport gets many aircraft from other airports like Westchester for repairs and/or fuel and just because it goes by Alice's office, it doesn't mean it's a viable plane for a fee. We don't want to discourage traffic here at DXR. Chairman Askar stated that this was the first real effort to register all planes that has been done in a while.

Mr. Brunjes asked if these aircraft registration fees were about the same in other states, and is there an economical interest in people here in Connecticut to not have their aircraft registered. Mr. Zohn responded he believed people didn't know to register the aircraft.

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

#### **New Business**

Curtiss Aero, LLC – request to receive Category "B" Permit to conduct flight training. Chairman Ashkar asked if there were any questions. After a brief discussion Mr. Estefan advised they have the required size building, flight instructor, and the aircraft as required by the Minimum Standards.

**Motion was made to grant a Category "B" Permit to conduct flight training at Curtiss Aero, LLC, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

**Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

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