

DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, June 21, 2011

01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman Ashkar.

02 Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Oppermann

Absent: Frizzell, Baker

03 Motion made to accept the special meeting minutes of November 16, 2010 as written by Commissioner Zilinek, seconded by Commissioner Opperman, and unanimously approved.

04 Liaison Report:

No liaison report was given.

05 Administrator's Monthly Report:

Mr. Estefan stated the snow blower was delivered and was returned to the factory three times. We will not be paying for the snow blower until we can test it during the next snow storm. The snow blower finally arrived in April. We are in the process of bidding out the rehab project of parts of Bravo and Charlie Taxiway in front of Sadler and north of Curtiss Aero. Due to economic conditions, the FAA is not going full depth. They will take out the asphalt and the sub-base and reuse this as the sub-base and then asphalt. No drainage work will be performed. We have taken delivery of a line stripping machine so we can do our own line stripping. The last electrical storm we had, thirty feet of underground wire was hit by lightning on Taxiway Charlie which was destroyed. The motor in the rotating beacon was broken in February and we have been looking to replace the motor, which is over 40 years old. The original company that manufactured the beacon is no longer in business. It is lit, but not rotating.

Drew Brown suggested the motor be taken down and brought to All Tech on Kenosia Avenue.

Motion made by Commissioner Zilinek to accept the Administrator's Report, seconded by Commissioner Oppermann, and unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Zilinek to open Public Speaking, seconded by Commissioner Oppermann, and unanimously approved.

Public Speaking:

Albert Barr, representing Tango Yankee, LLC, led the discussion regarding renting an additional 6.2 acres. On October 27, 2010, a letter was sent to the corporation council advising Tango Yankee would like to enter discussions to rent the additional 6.2 acres. On December 28, 2010, an offer was made and on February 18, 2011, we were told it was not accepted. On April 29, 2011, a meeting was held with Mr. Estefan and Mr. Yamin and myself at which time it was explained that our offers were triple net; the city would rather get offer that says here's our offer in total including the taxes. I have yet to get an answer as to how much the taxes are on the 6.2 acres. I have not been given an answer. Attorney Barr requested the commission appoint a subcommittee to negotiate with my clients.

Drew Brown stated the septic was still running at Executive Air. Any progress? Mr. Estefan advised that the money will be appropriated as of July 1, 2011, and go the design, installation. Mr. Estefan gave a brief history of the property. The project is on the capital improvement budget for 2011, where the city will have their own septic and Executive Air will have their own system.

Motion was made to close public speaking by Commissioner Oppermann, seconded by Commissioner Zilinek, and unanimously approved.

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Old Business

No items were discussed.

New Business

Danbury Aviation – proposed hangar project – letter attached dated June 6, 2011

Attorney Barr reiterated that somebody has to start negotiating with his client. Commissioner Ashkar gave a brief description of the chain of events when leasing property. Mr. Silvestro advised that he has spent \$4,800 in letter writing to Attorney Yamin, which has been wasted with no response being received. Mrs. Silvestro stated that we can't make an offer to the commission until we get an answer from Mr. Estefan and Mr. Yamin on information that was requested numerous times. She believes Mr. Ashkar should be the committee member. Commissioner Ashkar stated he found out about this item three weeks ago. Mr. Estefan clarified that he was invited to the meeting in April he did not call the meeting which made Attorney Yamin the leader of the meeting. A copy of the appraisal by Hoyle Tanner was given to Tango Yankee at the direction of the FAA, which was \$22,500 per acre. The FAA doesn't care about the taxes on airport property; they only care about the rental fees. Mr. Estefan suggested a committee be formed or just I will handle it, so that we can conclude this project. Commissioner Ashkar stated you should go to the Tax Collector to find out the amount of taxes. Mr. Estefan suggested that Mrs. Silvestro email him the lot number and he will get the tax amount. Mr. Estefan will negotiate with Attorney Barr and will report back to the commission.

Executive Air Service – Change of Street Number, letter attached dated March 23, 2011

Mr. Estefan read into the minutes letter dated March 23, 2011.

Attorney Catherine Cuggino, representing Conanicut called the post office and they said it was the City's responsibility. The Planning and Zoning Department is to let the post office know what address was assigned to a parcel. Commissioner Ashkar advised the post office has the official street addresses and they should tell you what address to use. He also advised it is not an aviation commission item. Mr. Estefan suggested they call the Fire Department as a test on the 911 line to see what address comes up on their screen.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.

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