

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Airport Conference Room

Monday

November 3, 2008

5:00 PM

Members Present: Heath Gatlin, Michael Leger (left @5:45 p.m.),
Roger Lookingbill, Steve Tait, and Michael Valenti.

Members Absent: none

Others: Stephen Fletcher, Jeff Jaran, Michelle Haynes,
Butch Lisenby, and Mark Noonan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Heath Gatlin Seconded: Steve Tait Vote: 5-0-0.

At this point, in deference to Chief Jeff Jaran, it was decided to skip to the David Flowers subject.

David Flowers Productions Update

There was a discussion on how to handle the David Flowers dance extravaganza! Chief Jeff Jaran envisioned two officers from the start until the event finished. The problem that occurred during the last Flowers happening was that there were deliveries made to the hangar from noon until 8:00 p.m. Also buses were used to transport the hundreds of people who attended; the buses discharged people on Race Point Road and – for safety’s sake – a police presence was needed. Chief Jaran doesn’t feel comfortable with one officer alone and he said he spoke directly to the Park Service after the last meeting. He asked them what their concerns were and they didn’t seem to be threatened by it. Michael Leger said that former Chief Meyer had thought that about 6 officers were necessary and Warren Tobias, the acting Chief, didn’t want to get into it at all.

Butch Lisenby said he thought that the biggest issue in the entire scenario is SECURITY and that might be compromised. Michael Leger asked about how many flights from noon until the dance party was over. Answer: At least 6 or 7 flights and on a holiday Sunday,

flights leave every $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour (at least). “There is a lot of movement during that time.”

Butch said that during the hours of operation – we have to make Transportation Security Administration (TSA) comfortable. Heath Gatlin said that David Flowers needs to pay for all details necessary so it wouldn't be an airport expenditure. The Chief said that in-town businesses have ill will toward this projected venture. Steve Tait from the Provincetown Business Guild (PBG) agreed.

M. Leger said that Cape Air has the lease and we are trying to accommodate Cape Air. Mr. Leger who has been on vacation said that he thought tonight's meeting would be a strategy session only.

Chief Jaran said the Flowers contingent were supposed to come back to him, the town manager, etc. and essentially go through details with all involved parties.

The meeting went round and round with Steve Tait giving everyone a bit of history on the last Flower's happening at the airport. Also it was astutely pointed out that even though Cape Air is the leaseholder, the airport still belongs to Provincetown and the Town should gain by this in some way.

The discussion seemed to conclude with the Chief saying that he would get in touch with David Flowers and arrange a meeting with him, and have the town manager and the fire chief included – and perhaps ask the Seashore for their input. Also he advised that the airport might want to have a check list for future events. He further said that David Flowers was certainly not a not-for-profit company and perhaps the airport might want to mitigate the town's (airport's) responsibility in case something unforeseen happens, i.e., an injury, etc.

Michelle Hanes – in response to the last Flower's bash costing the airport \$1,100 – said that she wanted to see receipts which cost the airport that much money because she felt that Cape Air handled all extras. She also beat the drum for Flowers saying that it was invaluable that the airport played a part and provided exposure for the airport. She also said that Flowers had made sizable donations to two in-town charities. Some of the Commissioners felt that their blanket acceptance of this happening would be precedent setting; how then would you be able to refuse anyone that Cape Air decided was worthy or needy or whatever?

Bottom line seemed to be that Michelle viewed it as a marketing tool and several of the Commissioners viewed it as less than optimum.

The Chief said that the final outcome is that someone is still making a lot of money on this. Steve Tait said that this is a town facility and a promoter is making a whole lot of money. The pier charges \$5K for the pier dance.

Michelle said that when you have the gay pilots (120) people, that takes business away

from the town! Answer: The gay pilots are air related and a circuit party isn't.

Michael Leger said that as far as the money goes - this is between Flowers and Cape Air; he doesn't want the Commission to benefit at all.

Butch was rather disappointed in the way the subject played out and he felt that the Chief had taken over and he felt that Flowers should have come to the Commission. Michael Valenti felt that we needed to keep the police in the loop. Butch felt that the way of dealing with this issue is rather backwards; he felt that after the decision was made by the Commissioners – then the Police Chief would fine tune.

REPORTS

Door Access Control Update

This project has been completed for \$7K. M. Valenti wondered if there was a warranty. Butch will look into any guarantees.

RWY 07 Approach – Grass & Brush Cutting Update

This project, too, has been completed . The Park Service was shocked when they saw it but when the problems were explained to them they adjusted.

Cell Phone Signal Booster

This project has been put on hold because the Town is talking about putting a cell phone tower at the waste-water treatment plant. We don't know how long it will take but – for now – we're in a holding pattern until we find out a bit more.

Roger Lookingbill did some research on the subject and he contacted Wilson Electronic in Swansea. They offered to come down and test for our frequency, etc. but for now that will be on hold.

OLD BUSINESS

EA/FEIR/DRI Update

Butch said that Michael Garrity has turned over all the information and they are currently waiting for National Seashore Park answers. Everything is moving on schedule and the target date is March 6th. Grants for consultants and permits have been submitted.

Terminal Ramp Reconstruction Update

This project is just about completed. Steve Flecchia and Mark Noonan said that they are currently working on a punch list. The project costs are running about 10% under budget.

LEO Contract Update

There's no update and basically it still costs us the same Heath Gatlin said - so this will become a budget line item that we'll have to budget for? It comes to about \$20k/year and then we'll have to turn \$30k back to the government – it's almost a game.

NEW BUSINESS

The new meeting time will become the 3rd Monday of the month, thus, the next meeting

will take place on Monday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m.

PAYMENT VOUCHERS

JACOBS Invoice #9 EA/FEIR/DRI \$30,000.00

Motion: Move to pay JACOBS in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: Roger Lookingbill Vote: 4-0-0.

JACOBS Invoice #5 – Reconstruct Runway \$13,316.35

Motion: Move to pay JACOBS in the amount of \$13,316.35.

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: Michael Valenti Vote: 4-0-0.

Lynch Invoice #1 – ramp \$188,887.31

Motion: Move to pay Lynch in the amount of \$188,887.31.

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: Heath Gatlin Vote: 4-0-0.

Fruan Utilities Construction access door control \$7,000.00

Motion: Move to pay Fruan Utilities Con. in the amount of \$7,000.

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: Michael Valenti Vote: 4-0-0.

New Horizon approach cutting & trimming \$13,000.00

Motion: Move to pay New Horizon in the amount of \$7,000.

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: R. Lookingbill Vote: 4-0-0.

New Horizon Cutting around building and grounds etc. \$1,620.00

Motion: Move to pay New Horizon in the amount of \$1,620.00

Motion: Steve Tait Seconded: Michael Valenti Vote: 4-0-0.

Adjournment happened at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED: DEC 15, 2008

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