SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting of
January 28, 2016
Hartness State Airport Terminal Building
5 p.m.

ATTENDEES: John Graves; Bruce Johnson; Mike Knoras; Peter MacGillivray; Walter Striedieck; Brian Shepa, Springfield Aviation; Brian Pinsonault, AOT – Airport Operations Specialist; Heath Marsden, Jacobs Engineering;

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

On a motion by Walter and seconded by Mike, the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were accepted as presented.

Neither Larry Perry nor Shayne Wilcox was available, so there was no local report. Brian Pinsonault reported that fuel sales were up in December at Newport Airport, but down in January for some reason. Most likely the same here. Weather is probably the most important factor as prices are pretty much the same at all State airports.

Heath reported that the Act 250 plan is almost ready regarding hangar development and storm water. The Environmental Assessment report was due in October but ran into problems on whether or not we have Northern Long Eared bats in the area. U.S. Fish and Wildlife, VT Fish and Wildlife, ANR, have all been involved, and a meeting scheduled for Jan. 22 was postponed to Feb. 2. We should hear the final results by our next meeting.

Brian P. reported that obstruction beacons at Bibens and Wellwood's are okay, but that two on French Meadow and one at Double Four are out.

LED lighting for the terminal building was discussed, and Mike stated that there is a fairly inexpensive replacement for the current lights with no need to replace ballast. Mike also discussed the possibility of putting a fire engine at the airport for use in the North Springfield area which would help to lower insurance rates for homeowners. This could go along with an extension of the sewer line to the airport and would support a new CAP building as a regional HQ. The State will be looking for grants and locations for all of these projects.

Walter reported that the aerobatic competition will be coming back. NESA will be hosting a regional soaring contest the weekend before July 4th weekend and the weekend of July 4th. The ACE camp (Aviation Career Education) will be held August 1 – 5, and we are hoping to host the CFI-G school again – most likely in September.

Next meeting – Feb. 25. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. P.MacGillivray, Clerk

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