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Minutes of the meeting of

October 29, 2015

Hartness State Airport Terminal Building

5 p.m.

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ATTENDEES: Pete Andrews, Kathleen Fellows, Bruce Johnson, Mike Knoras, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Striedieck; **Guests:** Larry Perry, FBO; Brian Shepa, Maint; Bob Flint, SRDC; Heath Marsden, Jacobs Engineering; Walter Martone, Spfld. Selectboard; Ian Martel, aviation college student from Ludlow. Guy Rouelle, VT AOT director by phone.

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

On a motion by Bruce Johnson, second by Walter Striedieck the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Guy informed us the the N.E. Region CAP is considering setting up a regional HQ and a regional maintenance hub. Springfield would be a good central location if several issues are solved. The old house on the Graves property would be too costly to rehab. The current CAP building is too small and is in poor shape and needing repair. Guy and Bob will look into grants available to see what could be done. There could be funding thru the Air Force, EDA, Bob Forguites and the other state delegates could be contacted.

Heath gave a status report on the federal project touching on the master plan/layout plan, environmental assessment, aviation easements, etc. The EA has been sent to the FAA and after review will be sent back for the final public meeting. Permitting is complete for five more private hangar sites – 3 on the west side and 2 on the east side. We will have to see what the federal budget show for aviation easement procurement and tree clearing. The public hearing will involve property owners, possible appraisals and the ROW section of AOT.

Larry and Guy talked about disincentives that exist in the aviation business – sales tax on a/c, the tax on parts which is scheduled to expire next year, tax on a/c labor, It was also mentioned that Brian Dubie is looking to implement a VT Airport Management Assoc.

Walter reported that the CFI-G school which was held here in the fall has so far resulted in 4 new glider instructors being certificated. Several more are expected to take the test in the near future to prove the benefit of the program.

Larry gave us the report on fuel sales which for the current period were below last year's figures and 100 LL is still down for the year as compared to last year, but jet fuel for the year is up 8% over last year He also stated that the main hangar is full for the winter – good sign. The Cherokee is being rented on a regular basis. He is planning on a grand opening on 4/23/16.

We will be starting a fund raising campaign for the Hartness display case in the Springfield Library for memorabilia. We will also look at activities such as Wings and Wheels to bring some positive attention to the airport.

Guy was informed of the problem with the security gates around the terminal building and the ramp access and within a couple of days following the meeting informed us that a contract had been signed and the gates would be repaired quickly. Very good news and it has been done.

The November meeting was scheduled for November 19th at 5 p.m.

On a motion by Walter and Mike we adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter MacGillivray
Chair