

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
County Of Dukes County, S.S.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**

April 8, 2021, 2:00PM

Zoom Cloud Conference Meeting

Notice of Such Meeting Having Been Posted as Required by Law

Present: Airport Commissioners: Chair - Robert Rosenbaum, Jack Ensor, Donald Ogilvie,
Geoffrey Wheeler, Robert Zeltzer, Kristin Zern*,
Airport Staff: Geoffrey Freeman - Director, Kevin Brennan - Property Manager,
Edward Christoforo - Comptroller,
Water/Wastewater – Mike Eldridge, Christina Colarusso,
Others: Ron Myrick – Tetra-Tech, Armand Dufresne—Gale Assoc.,
Norm Werthwein - Finance Subcommittee,
David Dineen, Jean Mongillo, Marni Lipke – Recorder
Press: Lucas Thors – MV Times, Aaron Wilson – Vineyard Gazette,
Kelly Marolf – MVTV,
* Late arrival or early departure of Airport Commissioners (see * in text)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission (MVAC) meeting was called to order at 2:02PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2021 Action

- **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 11, 2021 MINUTES AS AMENDED;**
- FIRST: MR. JACK ENSOR,**
- SECOND: MR. GEOFF WHEELER,**
- VOTE: PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: MR. ENSOR—AYE,**
MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. BOB ZELTZER—AYE. MR. DON OGILVIE—
ABSTAIN due to technical problems, **MR. BOB ROSENBAUM—AYE.**

III. TETRA TECH UPDATE WITH RON MYRICK

*During this discussion Ms. Kristin Zern entered the meeting at 2:08PM.

Tetra-tech continued to assist the Airport in sampling private as well as monitoring wells, for the State standard of 20 ppt for 6 target polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds—among the thousands of other PFAS compounds that might impact drinking water. Sampling schedule was:

- quarterly for treatment systems in private residences with wells with the highest concentration which were still doing well after 2 yrs. and 200,000 gallons of use.
- semi-annually for those with lower concentrations and
- annually for those just over the limit.

- all wells where any PFAS was detected (2-20 ppt) were sampled in June.

There were no significant changes to date—only minor jumps such as 15 to 25ppt showing an overall reduction and/or stability—as discharge ceased and the plume faded.

- A Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) scope of work was being prepared for a more comprehensive assessment of PFAS movement – including a few more monitoring wells to fill some data gaps. Tetra Tech would also measure total organic fluorine in case of future standards and regulatory possibilities—with the final report submitted in November 2022.
- Toxicity was difficult to research due to the all-pervasive global nature of PFAS presence.
- The MVAC was waiting to hear if there was any update on the multi-district PFAS litigation.

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- The Old Navy Dump from the 1940s and 50s (to the east of Vineyard Wine & Spirits) contained Navy infrastructure and possibly some electrical equipment that now required further management—i.e. nothing suggested environmental problems, only that long term management was now recommended. US Army Corps of Engineers agreed to continue to review the project. The local representative had very helpful and the project would be submitted for the lengthy process of approval and possible mitigation.
- The MVAC thanked Mr. Ron Myrick for his report.

IV. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Due to sound fiscal management by Airport Director Geoffrey Freeman and staff, as well as better than expected airfield activity the Airport showed a continuing trend of solid surplus with good bottom line results that were expected to continue through the end of FY21 and with the addition of Covid relief the Airport cash position was very good.
- The FY22 budget was being drafted for a May presentation to the Finance Subcommittee.
- A phone consultation with bond counsel over the timing and approach to the upcoming \$2,000,000 borrowing, determined an overall plan to move forward as soon as possible for a fall 2021 closing as various bonds rolled over.

V. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- The Dutchess Hangar Request For Proposal (RFP) (see 2/11/21 Minutes p.2-3 #VI A) submittals were due April 30th, with hopes to recommend an award at the May meeting.
- All tenants were sent a letter on the new Fair Market Value (FMV) policy (see below: Tasks).

VI. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Subcommittee had a new member, Ms. Irene Zaibarth, a pilot with aviation connections and advocacy for women in aviation. A 4 year donation was committed by a corporation. Applications for the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation scholarships were being reviewed.

- The Subcommittee was looking to solicit private donations from Airport users, for a partner organization such as the food pantry.
- The Subcommittee was excited about the advent of Elite Airways (see below #VIII).

VII. NEW BUSINESS: (See documents on file.)

A. Approval of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Action

This \$1,017,934 grant from Federal CARES Act II was signed by the Chair and reviewed by legal counsel. It included as yet undetermined portions to be allocated to concessions (Avis Rental Cars and Planeview Restaurant). A third stage American Relief Package was possible. In keeping with Airport Administration recommendation:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AIRPORT CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM (ACRGP) AWARD;

FIRST: MR. OGILVIE,

SECOND: MR. WHEELER,

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. ENSOR—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE. MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MS. ZERN—AYE, MR. BOB ROSENBAUM—AYE.

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B. Approval of Weston & Sampson as Owner Project Managers (OPM) for Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTPP) Upgrade Project Action

Weston & Sampson showed ample experience and a staff of engineers well-versed in design, having also done work on Nantucket and Mashpee for familiarity with regional and Island issues. The Wastewater team was very diligent in calling references. Fees were in line with middle of the market. In keeping with staff recommendation:

MOTION: TO AWARD THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT OWNERS PROJECT MANAGER CONTRACT TO WESTON & SAMPSON;

FIRST: MS. ZERN,

SECOND: MR. ENSOR,

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. ENSOR—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE. MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MS. ZERN—AYE, MR. BOB ROSENBAUM—AYE.

VIII. MVY MANAGEMENT REPORT (See documents on file.)

- Cape Air passenger revenue was up 41% over 2020—the last full month before the pandemic took effect. Air Traffic Operations count was 11,100% increase over the 15 count anomaly in March 2020 (February 2020 showed 1,200 operations).
- Elite Airways announced service of one flight per day from White Plains, NY to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, potentially year round. Elite would use the same ground handlers as JetBlue but would have its own main terminal ticket counter. Ms. Zern noted some disembarking problems—but the airport was experienced with this airplane. Other Elite destinations were Portland, ME and Sarasota, NY, hoping for possible future one-stop service to Florida.
- All security and airline employees badged at MVY Airport were attending the Blue Campaign training (see 3/11/21 Minutes p.6). Documentation to educate the public and give resources/ phone contacts regarding awareness of human trafficking was already in the terminals.
- Over the next couple weeks sapling trees would be arriving and distributed to each Martha's Vineyard student as part of the Airport Green Initiative (see 2/11/21 Minutes p.3 #VII).
- A Massachusetts Airport Managers Association (MAMA) round table featured MassDOT-Aeronautics caucus on the proper ways of getting information to government agencies. Tomorrow's MAMA meeting would focus on PFAS with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- The Airport was gearing up for the summer season. The fuel farm was being upgraded with new paint and installation of another layer of safety for overspill for fuel farm and trucks.
- Airlines were investing and confident about summer season traffic. There was some interest in the JetBlue/American Airlines partnership.
- Local Boards of Health required that masks be worn in the terminal and airlines were diligent in airplane cleaning.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT – Nothing to report

X. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR – None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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XII. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS: By Zoom

- Outreach Subcommittee – 2:00PM, Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Land Use Subcommittee - 3:00PM, Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Finance Subcommittee - 3:30PM, Friday, May 7, 2021
- **MVAC - 2:00PM, Thursday, May 13, 2021**

XIII. ADJOURN

- **MOTION:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:50PM;
- **FIRST:** MR. ZELTER,
- **SECOND:** MS. ZERN,
- **VOTE:** UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS; MR. ENSOR—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE, MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM—AYE.

Appendix A: Tasks

- All – stop by Airport to sign FMV policy.

Appendix B: Documents on file:

- Agenda 4/8/21
- Blue Lightning flyer
- My Tree flyer
- Martha's Vineyard Airport Staff Summary – Approval to Award Owners Project Manager for WWTP Upgrade Project 4/8/21
- Martha's Vineyard Airport Staff Summary – Approval to Accept ACRGP Grant Offer: AIP 3-25-0031-051-2021 4/8/21
- Martha's Vineyard Airport ATC Traffic Count (2 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Airport Water, Wastewater, and Facilities Department Information and Newsletter March 2021 4/5/21

Minutes approved as clarified 5/13/21