

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

**June 10, 2021, 2:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission Conference Room
and by Zoom Cloud Conference
Notice of Such Meeting Having Been Posted as Required by Law**

Present: Airport Commissioners: Chair - Robert Rosenbaum, Richard Knabel,
Donald Ogilvie, Geoffrey Wheeler, Robert Zeltzer,
Kristin Zern,
Airport Staff: Geoffrey Freeman - Director,
Kevin Brennan - Property Manager, Edward Christoforo - Comptroller,
Denise Tawa - Assistant to Airport Management,
Joan Shemit – Airport Business Manager,
Water/Wastewater – Jeremy Osbourn,
Others: Ron Myrick – Tetra-Tech, David Dineen – Gale Associates,
Norm Werthwein - Finance Subcommittee, Jean Mongillo,
Marni Lipke – Recorder
Press: Lucas Thors – MV Times, Noah Asimov – Vineyard Gazette, 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 2:00PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - MAY 13, 2021 Action

- **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2021 MINUTES AS AMENDED;**
FIRST: MR. RICHARD KNABEL,
SECOND: MR. BOB ZELTZER,
VOTE: UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN – AYE, MR. GEOFFREY WHEELER – AYE, MR. KNABEL – AYE, MR. ZELTZER – AYE, MR. DON OGILVIE – AYE, MR. BOB ROSENBAUM – AYE.
- **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2021 MINUTES AS AMENDED;**
FIRST: MR. WHEELER,
SECOND: MR. KNABEL,
VOTE: UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN – AYE, MR. WHEELER – AYE, MR. ZELTZER – AYE, MR. KNABEL – AYE, MR. OGILVIE – AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM – AYE.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES - MARCH 11, 2021 Action

- **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 11, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES;**
FIRST: MR. KNABEL,
SECOND: MR. ZERN,
VOTE: UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN – AYE, MR. WHEELER – AYE, MR. ZELTZER – AYE, MR. KNABEL – AYE, MR. OGILVIE – AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM – AYE.

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APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES - MAY 13, 2021 Action

- **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY13, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS CORRECTED FOR A TYPO;**
- FIRST: MR. WHEELER,**
- SECOND: MR. ZERN,**
- VOTE: UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE, MR. KNABEL—AYE, MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM—AYE.**

III. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (See documents on file.)

- There was nothing but good news. Operating revenues were higher than anticipated and the Airport was doing well at the end of the fiscal year.
- Since it was considered that the County Advisory Board (CAB) only had authority over the County budget, a Steering Committee was established (meeting 2:30PM, tomorrow, Friday, June 11th) of three Dukes County Commissioners and three CAB members, to decide on the procedure for distributing the \$2,400,000 in general federal aid.
- As a County facility the Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade should be a high priority— with a view to reducing Airport borrowing and taxpayer burden.
- In addition to the original \$700,000 Coronavirus Response Relief and Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Request For Reimbursement (RFR) (see 4/8/21 Minutes p.2 #VII A), the Airport received an additional \$260,000 from RFR #2 and a third (approved and submitted) RFR was pending with a timeframe of late June/early July. The Airport would apply within the four-year deadline for the remaining \$11,307 in concession relief.

• Tetra Tech Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget Action

Due to State regulations / recording requirements, about \$80,000 of Tetra Tech polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) work had to be advanced from FY23 to FY22, and consequently payment budgeting would also have to shift. The total payment would not change and the FY22 budget, along with increased revenues, was flexible enough to absorb the difference.

- No action was needed.

- The MVAC asked about PFAS compounds in townwide insecticide spraying. Mr. Ron Myrick of Tetra Tech explained that the PFAS was only in the lining of the insecticide container, with very low concentration leaching into the insecticide itself. In addition the spraying was in Southeastern Massachusetts, but not Dukes County.

IV. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

• Proposed Aeronautical Lease, Land Appraisal and Fair Market Value (FMV) Increases Cap Policy Action
(See documents on file)

The aeronautical lease policy for hangars, avionics shops, etc. duplicated the non-aeronautical standard leases. It did not apply to carrier use areas, which were mandated for space-used only charges.

- (Concession contracts such as rental cars, restaurants, hotels, etc. were a different issue; for example, aside from the cost per square foot, they also charged a percentage of the business.)

- **MOTION: TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT AERONAUTICAL LAND LEASES, LAND APPRAISAL CYCLES AND FAIR MARKET VALUE/INCREASES CAP POLICY;**

FIRST: MS. ZERN,
SECOND: MR. KNABEL,

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE, MR. KNABEL—AYE, MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM—AYE.

V. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Senior Night included a \$6,000 award for flight instruction and the continuing \$3,000 for the current scholarship (disrupted in 2020 due to Covid restrictions).

- The fund was named the Martha's Vineyard Aviation Careers and Scholarships Fund. The Subcommittee was working on social media expansions such as Facebook, etc. (After months of trying Mr. Ogilvie was able to successfully donate on line.)
- The Fund received a donation from Mr. Peter Norton, who invited the Commissioners to drop in at their cocktail hour at their house in Oak Bluffs.

VI. MVY MANAGEMENT REPORT

(See documents on file.)

- Airport activity was definitely increasing as it moved into the summer season, with some degree of release from covid restrictions. Fixed Base Operations (FBO) were above and beyond expectations.
- Air Traffic Flights were ~ 130% over the covid impacted May 2020. Delta, JetBlue and Elite started service in May and American Airlines started June 3rd. Elite Airline numbers were low, with more inbound than outbound.
- Staff activity had changed from trainings and inspections to operations and the Airport was able to hire several summer ramp attendants.
- Cape Air was working on its electric airplane with Israeli company, Eviation, anticipating a launch in the mid-2020s.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rosenbaum sent a second letter to State Senator Julian Cyr (see 5/13/21 Minutes p. 4 #X A) after modifications to his first bill. The bill had not been withdrawn but was not likely to be passed out of Committee. The Massachusetts Business Aviation Association (MBAA) was writing a strongly worded rebuttal letter, as were many other aviation agencies.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR - None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

X. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS

- Finance Subcommittee - 3:30PM, Tuesday, June 29, 2021
- Outreach Subcommittee – 2:00PM, Thursday, July 1, 2021
- Land Use Subcommittee - 3:00PM, Thursday, July 1, 2021
- MVAC - 2:00PM, Thursday, July 8, 2021

XIII. ADJOURN

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:35PM;
FIRST: MR. ZELTER,
SECOND: MS. ZERN,