

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

**February 10, 2022, 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, Jack Ensor, Richard Knabel,  
Donald Ogilvie, Geoffrey Wheeler, Robert Zeltzer,  
Kristin Zern,

Airport Staff: Geoffrey Freeman - Director,  
Denise Tawa - Assistant to Airport Management,  
Joan Shemit - Business Manager, Kevin Brennan - Property Manager,  
Jeremy Osborn-WWTP Chief Operator, Christina Colorusso,

Others: Norm Werthwein -Finance Subcommittee, Matt O'Brien, – McFarland Johnson,  
Marni Lipke – Recorder

Press: Shavannae Anderson –MVTV, Adrian Pollard – Vineyard Gazette,  
Eunki Seanwoo–MV Times,

\* 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 – January 13, 2022** Action

• MOTION: **TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 13, 2022 MINUTES AS AMENDED FOR A  
TYPO;**

FIRST: **MR. RICHARD KNABEL,**

SECOND: **MR. JACK ENSOR,**

VOTE: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. KRISTIN  
ZERN, MR. GEOFF WHEELER, MR.DON OGILVIE—AYE, MR. BOB  
ZELTZER—AYE, MR. ENSOR—AYE, MR. KNABEL—AYE, MR. BOB  
ROSENBAUM—AYE.**

**III. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

• Finances were in the positive and the first half of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) was very good. Even in the winter doldrums the Airport was still operating at a positive cash flow.

**IV. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** - Nothing to report

**V. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

• Donation solicitations were sent to commercial airlines and all MVY hangar owners, managers and tenants but so far the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation had received no response.

• Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) seniors interested in aviation received applications. Three students responded. The applications were managed by the Foundation, which presented its findings (both need and merit based) to the Subcommittee, who decided how to distribute

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the scholarship. Awards were announced at the June MVRHS Awards night in the Tabernacle.  
- The Cape Air sponsored David Luening Memorial Scholarship was part of the Scholarship funds.

VI. MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT (MVY) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. January Enplanements (See documents on file.)

- Compared with 2021, January (Cape Air) enplanements were up, but Air Traffic Control (ATF) operations were slightly down.
- Airport Director Geoff Freeman reached out to Elite Airlines about resuming seasonal service to Martha's Vineyard but had not yet had a reply.
- American Airlines was instituting a non-stop Saturday flight to Chicago. They had successfully added service to Charlotte and Philadelphia over the last couple years.
- Mr. Freeman and Chair Bob Rosenbaum gave a shout-out to Airport staff for their work and safety record during the blizzard. MVY Airport was one of the first in the area to re-open.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Congratulations went to Mr. Ogilvie and Ms. Zern for being re-appointed as Airport Commissioners.
- Financial disclosure statements were available on the State website (see below: Tasks).
- Chair Rosenbaum made a short presentation to the Dukes County Commission on Airport status. In a plea for as much of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds as possible, he particularly emphasized the heavy impact of Wastewater Treatment plant upgrade costs on the Business Park tenants (see 8/12/21 Minutes p.2-3 #III B). The tenants were also heavily advocating for themselves.  
- Mr. Freeman and staff applied but were ineligible for numerous grants to help with the upgrade costs, including from: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)—under many categories, Coastal Zone, Special Valuation, Massachusetts Development, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), etc.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR—None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

X. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS

- Outreach Subcommittee -2:00PM, Thursday, March 3, 2022
- Land Use Subcommittee -3:00PM, Thursday, March 3, 2022
- Finance Subcommittee - 3:30PM, Friday, March 4, 2022
- **MVAC - 2:00PM, Thursday, March 10, 2022**

XI. ADJOURN

**MOTION: MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 2:20PM;**

**FIRST: MR. OGILVIE;**

**SECOND: MR. KNABEL;**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ZERN—AYE, MR. WHEELER—AYE, MR. OGILVIE—AYE, MR. KNABEL—AYE, MR. ENSOR—AYE, MR. ZELTZER—AYE, MR. ROSENBAUM—AYE.**

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**Appendix A: Tasks**

- All – submit financial statements.

**Appendix B: Documents on file:**

- Agenda 2/10/22
- MVAC January 13, Draft Minutes (3 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Airport ATC Traffic Count (2 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Airport Water, Wastewater, and Facilities Department Information and Newsletter January 2022 2/8/22

Minutes approved as written 3/10/22