

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting of
January 25, 2018
Hartness State Airport Terminal Building
5 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Pete Andrews, Kathleen Fellows, John Graves, Bruce Johnson, Mike Knoras, Walter Striedieck, Peter MacGillivray; Brian Shepa, FBO; Shayne Wilcox, AOT local, (by phone).

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. and on a motion by Walter and John the minutes of December 14, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Shortly after this, Shayne called and reported that he had been plowing most every day. The runways are looking great even in the face of the Christmas rain and ice storm. We really need to be able to do chemical treatment or sand on the icy runways at times but that is not available from the State. Peter will call Chris B. to find out what we need to do to get help with this. As a result, we have lost at least five charters and the significant revenue which would be generated. He also reported that the terminal building has a problem in that when we get a fuel fill-up it trips the burner and the heat goes off.

The CAP building was discussed as to the possibility of contacting the Wing and Region to see what needs to be done to build a new regional glider academy which would cover VT and NH and any other Wings in surrounding states which might be interested in sending cadets. The existing building is very old and in need of extensive repairs. In repairing the structure it would be putting good money after bad. Kathleen will seek ideas and since it is USAF we could involve our congressional delegates.

It was again reported that the state police would like to use the airport for driver training – possibly for as long as a week. It was felt by the commission that we should seek the FAA position on runway closure from the Burlington, MA regional office.

Brian reported that fuel sales are down for the first part of the year due to weather conditions and runway closures. He also reported that the maintenance shop is doing well with annuals and other major repairs.

We discussed and scheduled the first open house and fly-in and Wings program which we scheduled for April 28th. The plan is also to call for pot-luck from participants. July program will be planes and cars and glider activity if the weather cooperates.

There are also plans to reach out to Reinhart to use Hartness State for their transportation needs.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by Bruce and Kathleen
Peter MacGillivray, Chair