

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting of
July 27, 2017
Hartness State Airport Terminal Building
5 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Pete Andrews, John Graves, Bruce Johnson, Mike Knoras, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Striedieck, Shayne Wilcox, AOT local; Chris Beitzel, AOT Rutland; Bob Flint, SRDC; Heath Marsden, Jacobs; Brady Brewster, Jacobs;
Absent: Kathleen Fellows; Brian Shepa, FBO;

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. and on a motion and second by Mike and Walter the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2017 were approved as presented.

There was a detailed discussion of the Lindbergh event on July 26th with Reeve Lindbergh present and flying in the glider with Walter, and all agreed that it was well received and a success. Special guests were three of the persons present in 1927 – all in their 90's – Marion Harlow (who was interviewed for TV), Robert Beardsley, and Don Whitney. They all stayed around to answer questions afterwards and enjoy special cake cut first by Reeve.

Chris Beitzel was available to brief us on current projects – TPI, planning, offering help on the sewer extension, and what is happening with Guy Rouelle. The aviation division of AOT is still in a state of flux with no real leader since Guy left and is operating in the realm of railroads. More to follow.

Shayne reported on the erosion problem with the drain near the ASOS equipment. All is under control and should be totally fixed soon. The powered parachute event on the previous weekend was discussed and seems to be under control and will have better communication next year.

Heath Marsden introduced his new associate and updated us on the avigation project. VT Row people are working on surveys, and then the appraisers get involved with values and negotiations. Documents need to be signed and made part of the deeds and easements will then be in place for the future tree growth removal. There are 14 properties involved.

Discussion of the Springfield Town Plan and the Weathersfield Town Plan being brought into agreement on language to support and protect the airport. Chris will research the correct phraseology as will Heath and we will plan a meeting with all parties in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on August 24th here at 5 p.m. with Bruce in charge.

On a motion and second by Mike and Pete Andrews we adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacGillivray, Chair