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SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of

June 22, 2017

Hartness State Airport Terminal Building

5 p.m.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

ATTENDEES: Peter Andrews, Kathleen Fellows, John Graves, Bruce Johnson, Mike Knoras, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Striedieck; Bob Flint, SRDC; Brian Shepa, FBO; Shayne Wilcox, VT AOT local maint.; Jason Rasmussen, SWCRPC; Chris Beitzel, VT AOT southern airports mgr, (by phone); Brandon Roldan, guest.

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. with Chris calling in at that time. On a motion and second by Mike and John the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.

It was discussed and decided that we would recognize the 90th anniversary of the Lindbergh landing on July 26th with an open house and fly-in and invite Reeve Lindbergh to be our guest of honor. Cake and soda will be provided and Chris offered the assistance of Chris Raymond on the state level for advertising the event.

Chris announced that Guy Rouelle has taken over the reins of the VT Airport Managers' Assoc. (VAMA) and will continue to work for the VT aviation community.

Chris also advised that VT Air Transportation regs, Sec. 5 requires that an aircraft incident or accident must be reported to AOT within 48 hours. The glider accident in May was reported to NTSB and the FAA immediately and was into the AOT lines of communication within 3 hours. He also stated that it is unknown at this time who will be replacing Guy.

Extending the sewer line to the airport environs was discussed again with Bob Flint pointing out the potential benefits to the area. It could also present an opportunity for residents along Airport Road.

Shayne informed us of two washouts on the airport – one near the drain by the windsock and another along the west side of runway 5/23. The rains this year allowed 4 beavers to set up in that area (now trapped and relocated) and a healthy crop of snapping turtles. (Often seen on the runway).

The EAA is scheduled to have a Young Eagles Day here on June 11th with over 50 youngsters getting free airplane rides.

Shayne said that fuel sales compared to same period last year were down 190 gallons for 100 LL and around 1000 gallons for jet A. That should improve with the new FBO as Brian will be taking over the fuel farm. Jet A tanks are scheduled to be cleaned next week.

Mike suggested that a fire truck could be housed in the Graves property barn which might benefit insurance rated in North Springfield. This will be investigated and reported back to the commission.

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The Town Plan and the airport overlay map will be looked at prior to the next selectboard meeting and the possibility of a meeting with the SWCRPC and the Weathesfield Planning Commission to be sure they are in agreement.

Peter will contact Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Red Hook, NY to see if they ever fly their replica of the Spirit of St. Louis to other areas. Will report back ASAP.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017 here at 5 p.m. – the day after the Lindbergh open house.