

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting of
February 25, 2015
Hartness State Airport Terminal Building
5 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Pete Andrews, John Graves, Bruce Johnson, Mike Knoras, Peter MacGillivray, Walter Striedieck, Larry Perry, FBO; Brian Shepa, Maint.; Heath Marsden, Jacobs Assoc.; Chris Beitzel, AOT by phone.

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. and on a motion by Pete Andrews and second by Mike Knoras, the minutes of January 28, 2016 were approved as presented.

Larry Perry presented fuel sales figures for 12/1/15 thru 2/25/16 for comparison to last year. This year 100 LL was up – 2148 gallons against last year – 717 gallons. Jet A this year was the reverse – 708 gallons this year compared to 1027 gallons last year. Historically, Larry said the same period (2015-2013) showed 484 gallons avgas and 2585 jet. He also mentioned that the rental aircraft and the maintenance shop account for around 12% of the fuel sales.

Larry also had a printout of the tentative major events planned for this summer (addition sheet). The big addition appears to be the planned Region 1 soaring contest 6/25 thru 7/1. He has had 101 rentals of the Cherokee from 2/15/15 thru 2/15/16. He also announced that David Dezendorf has agreed to join us as a flight instructor and will be teaching a ground school sometime in March with Shayne Wilcox. Snow removal accounted for 258 hours on the loader thru this time last year and this year we are showing 81 hours – less than 1/3.

Brian Shepa commented on the maintenance operation and reported that for a new business it is remaining steady. He just finished one annual, starts another tomorrow and has another scheduled for next week. He has also had some “pop-up” jobs such as a transient pilot putting the wrong additive in his fuel – a very costly mistake.

Chris Beitzel (AOT – Rutland) commented on the leaking roof in the Quonset hangar that plans are in the works for removal of the old roof and a new roof this summer. Hopefully this can be done by June 1st as the roofer is under contract only till then. He will also be working with Walter and Alastair Crawford (NESA president) on the soaring contest and to ready a presentation for Guy Rouelle and Jen Davis. He was also advised that Lt. Col Charles Freeman, NH CAP would like to donate an ice machine to the airport for use by any users of the airport – CAP, NESA, local or transient pilots, charter operators, etc. This will be a great addition and may help solve some logistical issues.

Heath Marsden, Jacobs Assoc. discussed the environmental study and its status along with Act 250 work on hangar development and also the plans for tree clearing, particularly on the approach end of runway 23.

Additional discussion was held on the Hartness Support Group formation and the idea of a Grand Opening for Springfield Aviation and the maintenance shop. Some of the ideas were for a pot-luck fly-in. A barbeque and open house for pilots and the community at large. We also discussed monthly “grill nights” and rides and the idea of inviting the Chamber of Commerce to have a Chamber Mixer in the terminal. Continuing discussion and additional ideas are welcomed.

The next meeting will be March 31, 2016 at 5 p.m.

On a motion by Mike and John we adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter MacGillivray
Chair