

## AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

### RUTLAND – SOUTHERN VERMONT REGIONAL AIRPORT

04/23/2015 meeting minutes

#### **In attendance:**

Chris Beitzel, Chris Reece, Tracy Adams, David Sternberg, Bob Burke, Marji Graf, Mike Klopchin and Mike Davidson

#### **Old Business:**

Update on construction – Southern runway project is underway and repainting for the displaced threshold will be done in the overnight tonight. This will be in place until roughly October. The plan for tree removal is currently on hold until the fall as it did not end up being as easy as originally anticipated to get all the sign offs needed to move the project forward.

The position previously held by Ryan Ollis is proving to be more difficult to put into motion than originally thought and unfortunately may not come to fruition at all.

The airport has decided that it is unlikely there will be an aerobics competition at RUT this summer. Perhaps the competition can be held next year once all the construction is completed.

#### **New Business:**

A company has applied to the DOT to provide scheduled charter services seasonally from RUT to HPN. This service would be run through the FBO and RUT would be able to count the passengers as enplanements to count towards the 10,000 enplanements needed for extra federal funds. It is the current plan that this service would begin during this coming 2015-16 winter. This will increase foot traffic and possibly vehicle traffic through the FBO. Chris Reece asked if the FBO parking lot could get gravel needed to increase the space available for parking.

CAP will be holding an event the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Keynote speaker will be Gerald Carr, a former astronaut who currently resides in Manchester. Anyone is invited to the banquet portion of the event. Tickets and more details will be available closer to the event date. There will also be seminars on such things as radio communications which pilots are welcome to join if there is space available. It is anticipated that there will be at least 15 pilots flying in for this event perhaps more if the weather is favorable. This should help the FBO with some fuel sales and increase knowledge of the Hangar Café.

The EAA will be sponsoring a FFAST seminar on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the CAP building. This will be catered by The Hangar Café thanks to a donation to the club by Joe Giancola. It will start at 5pm with food by 5:30pm and the seminar starting by 6:30pm and should be all done by 8:30pm. The EAA will also be having a breakfast for members at The Hangar Café on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Members will pull out their planes while getting excited about warmer weather and a great summer of flying.

The airport manager discussed the pros and cons of spending \$40,000 updating the RWIS system verses having it decommissioned. Several different suggestion and ideas came up about the system. This is something the airport manger will continue to research.

The airport has reached out to a web design company to reinvigorate the RUT airport website. This will be a time consuming process and the committee is grateful to Brian Pinsonault for the work that is going to go into this important project.

Next meeting will be held on 5/28/2015 at Noon in the terminal building. If you would like to have lunch from The Hangar Café please feel free to give a call at 770-1855 so they can be sure to have your lunch ready when you arrive for the meeting.