

TOWN OF HAVERHILL

DEAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

October 10th, 2018

At Haverhill Municipal Building

Called to order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dick Guy, Secretary Cliff Batchelder, Vice-chairman Stuart McDanolds and Select board member Representative Tom Friel, Airport manager Dennis Cunningham, Peter Kimball.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Bonanno

1. Review Last Meetings Minutes: Approved

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES /COMMENTS/PROPOSALS: Mark Goodrich of Dubois and King, Miguel Vasconcelos, Winston Currier, Russell Haney, Peter Erpelding, Paul Cardin, Mike Roberts, Tom Bender, Faith Cunningham, Lynn Perry and Susie Tann. Attached is the sign in sheet.

3. Review Correspondence: Two signs have been left on the rear entrance gate at different times voicing disapproval of the beacon. At the time of this meeting two e-mails had been sent to Dennis about the beacon. The e-mails have been attached to these minutes.

4. Old Business:

A. Beacon Discussion: Paul Cardin commented that he feels that the airport is an asset to the town and is favor of the beacon.

Winston Currier told of a flight he took a few years ago to an airport 850 miles away. The point that he made was that by the time he got near this airport it was dark but he was able to locate this airport from ten miles away because it had a beacon. He is in favor of the beacon for Dean Memorial.

Russel Haney mentioned that he saw from his shop, which is next to the airport, that a plane flew in one evening well after dark while the beacon was on, to get fuel.

Miguel Vasconcelos spoke on how the beacon is a very important instrument to the airport, it has a safety aspect up and down the river. He also felt that the beacon process needs to move forward with caution, to mitigate the negative input so as not to ignore the people that are not in favor of the beacon.

Tom Bender commented, referring to the beacon that a safer airport would get used more and would bring more revenue into the town.

Mark Goodrich was asked, are there times that other airports with beacons turn the beacon off when weather conditions are bad, meaning very low clouds or heavy fog? His answer to this was, this is not practiced at any airport.

Mike Roberts commented that when the weather conditions are bad that's when you want the beacon on.

Susie Tann commented that she respects everyone's opinion but she is not in favor of the beacon.

B. Airport Awareness Day review: The date will remain in Sept. but the time will change because of the fog typically in the morning at this time of year. It will be from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Since Stuart is familiar with flying and airport procedures, he was asked if he would consider helping out with ground control on Awareness Day, he said that he would:

These next notes are reminders for next year's event.

12 tables 24 chairs children shirts and sizes

5. New Business:

B. Budget plans for 2019: The commission discussed to not have an assigned budget committee, but to do it as a group with all the commission members involved. All agreed that this was a good idea and voted yes to do it that way. This will get started in November.

Meeting Summary: NONE

All comments pro's and con's about the beacon from the public should be sent to Dennis via e-mail and he will forward these to the town office and the airport commissioners.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Cliff Batchelder, Recording Secretary

The next meeting will be on Nov. 14th 2018 at Morrill Municipal Building

From: Rick Henson disparick@yahoo.com
Subject: stupid beacon
Date: October 9, 2018 at 12:05 PM
To: deanmemorial17@gmail.com



Dennis, this beacon is so obnoxious here in the neighborhood around the airport that I implore you to not seek its permanent presence. It totally destroys the night sky ambience here. In my 60 plus years living here there have been so few night flights into this airport that it is totally unnecessary to have this ridiculous invasion of the night.

From: **henson.zr** henson.zr@gmail.com
Subject: Beacon
Date: October 9, 2018 at 6:53 PM
To: deanmemorial17@gmail.com



Mr. Cunningham,

I am writing to you to express my dismay in regards to the airport beacon. To me, and lots of others in town, and in the viewing range, this is light pollution. The Dean Memorial Airport does not need this, nor does the town of Haverhill. The airport is used by very few, while the effects of it are felt by many. I will be at the meeting tomorrow to express my dismay.

Sincerely,

Zachary R Henson

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone