

# Granite State Airport Management Association

## Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2006

**Location:** DOT Building, Concord NH

### **Members Present:**

Bill Hopper, President, PDA	Ed Mattern, Vice President, Keene
Royce Rankin, Secretary/Treas. Nashua	Carol Niewola, NH Aeronautics
Arnold Stymest, Gale Associates	Mike Hart, Hampton Airfield
Brian Corliss, TSA	Janice Gould, Dufresne-Henry
Harvey Sawyer, Jaffery	Diane Cooper, Laconia
Barry Hammer, Edwards & Kelsey	Gerry D'Amico, URS Corp
Heath Marsden, Edwards & Kelsey	Dean Stetson, Parlin Field
Maura Stetson, Parlin Field	Rick Dymont, HNTB Corporation
Leon Kennison, PDA	Mike Pouliot, NH Aeronautics

1. **Call to Order:** President Hopper called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
2. **Minutes:** January minutes were accepted, Motion Ed Mattern, Second Roy Rankin, Unanimous.
3. **NHDOT Aeronautics Update:** Carol Niewola provided updates on projects at airports not represented at the meeting. She provided a handout of current projects at all NH airports. The Aeronautics web-site has been updated. There will be an Airport Consultants Seminar to inform the consultants of the changes in the NH/DOT structure in May. The DOT Bureau of Environment is available to provide guidance on environmental issues at airport. They meet monthly and will provide guidance and feedback on issues. If you need assistance call the NHDOT/Aeronautics' office and get on their schedule.
4. **Presentation:** There was no official presentation scheduled for this meeting
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
7. **Treasurers Report:** There is currently \$8058.66 in the account, and 6-56 cent stamps.
8. **Airport Status Report:**

**Nashua.** The airport has submitted conceptual plans for review of operational, navigational, and construct ability impacts associated with a possible new location for Runway 14-32. Following input from the airport and funding agencies, a decision will be made regarding the preferred location for Runway 14-32 and the conceptual design can be finalized. It appears that the Aviation Heritage Festival that has been ongoing the past five years by Daniel Webster College will not happen this year. A change in the presidency has changed priorities is what has been provided to the staff.

**Pease:** Bill reported Taxiway Alpha is in the last phase of construction. The GA ramp project is progressing with the replacement of concrete with asphalt and will be a two year project. They will be adding fill at the south end of the apron to facilitate future T-hangar expansion. A portion of the ramp will be replaced by the Air Force to remove a plume of Jet A that is under ground. Their next full-scale emergency exercise is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in observing, they should call the airport. Returning troops from Iraqi are given a hero's welcome by the community. They have completed Phase I of the sound insulation program. They have started Phase II that will include 11 homes and 2 historic houses. Total cost will be 600K. The guard is rehabilitating their apron to include more inground fuel hydrants. They will soon be opening the new ARFF station that will facilitate Index E aircraft category. The USDA is working on a project to track the turkeys that are creating a problem. Allegiant Air has had a 90% load factor the past few months flying the MD 83 with a 150-passenger load. George Ball will be leaving the PDA as the executive director and returning to DRED as the commissioner.

**Hampton:** Mike Hart announced they will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have continuously trained in the Piper Cub for the 60 years. They have a completely rehabbed entrance to the airport. The DOT street department has occupied one side of the entrance. The airport will be swapping a 1/2-acre plot for 5 acres off the end of the runway. They will remove trees on this area and add to the safety area. They completed a six-unit 60X60 hangar project. They are planning on adding and addition six units in the future. They offer a 70-year lease for the land the hangar is constructed on. Additionally they will construct a 9 unit T-Hangar to be partially occupied by Northeast Light Sport Aircraft, a company selling light sport aircraft.

**Hawthorne Feather:** They will be erecting hangars. The approval process in the town met with interesting challenges. They estimate an early summer ground breaking. This will consist of 22 T-hangars in three buildings. Their runway is in desperate need of repair. They have fuel available 24/7.

**Laconia:** Diane said they have attended two meetings with the NHDOT Environmental Resource Committee and it has helped them immensely. They are working to resolve the runway/taxiway safety issues. The existing separation is not in compliance with FAA standards of 400'. They will need to move the Runway Safety Area 800' to the east. This will impact the wetlands and will need approval on several agencies. The local agencies are fully supporting the projects.

**Jaffery:** Harvey said they are cleaning up debris from winter plowing. The access to the airport needs rebuilding. They have submitted the appropriate 50-50 paperwork for this project. The annual fireworks are planned for August 19<sup>th</sup>. They will be continuing to cut brush in the clearzone.

**Keene:** Ed briefed there was a TFR infraction during the recent Presidential visit. The pilot landed at Keene. They have created a security committee and are working with the TSA and will evaluate the infraction during the TSA visit next month. The airport is under design for reconstruction of and possible addition to the northeast ramp. This project would replace the ramp built in 1943 and will expand the existing size of the apron. They will request bids for a crack-sealing project that is a holdover from last year. They will be replacing 22 existing obstruction lights with newer LED lights. They will be applying growth retardant on some of the growth areas. New Hampshire Tech College is advertising for designing and land use matters. Easement acquisition on the east side of the runway is underway.

**Parlin Field:** Dean provided an update that included projects to stripe the runway. This will be contracted out at a cost of \$1300. They will also repair the parking lot. The town has approved the construction on new hangars. During the fall rains, the river end of the runway was under six feet of water. They are still experiencing tremendous public support. The annual budget was approved for 118K. They will have a fly-in on August 20<sup>th</sup>. They hope to acquire additional property from Ruger Firearms. They have two old bones of aircraft and are looking for ways to remove them from the airfield. Operations for the year were down 26% mainly due to the weather and the CAP.

**TSA:** Brian Corliss announced the availability of the 2003-4 Security Guidelines for General Aviation. This created a manual that assigns a risk assessment for individual airports based on many different indicators. Brian has constructed a book of all New Hampshire airports with a risk assessment based on information provided by the airports. The Washington ABC groups were instrumental in the development of the manual. They expect a fulltime risk mitigation expert on staff shortly. They will select five or six airports within the state that have the highest risk threat and will work with them on security matters.

**9. New Business:** Carol briefed on the press release on ethanol in aviation fuel. This is a non-MBTE, non-ethanol gas that apparently only affects the lower octane fuels of the 80-octane type. This was commonly called mogas at one time. This does not affect the 100 LL or Jet fuels that are common at most airports.

Brian Smith is on the NEC/AAAE committee for the annual conference. They are trying to determine if there is an interest in having a session for state airport organizations such as GSAMA to give briefings on their respective organization. Also they are looking in the possibility of reduced rates if individuals only want to attend one day of the conference so that members of small GA airports might be able to afford sending people. He is seeking input from the airport community.

Brian Corliss said that AANH is looking for a new president. The current president is moving out of state. They currently sponsor 4 events annually. They support the state aviation education program. AANH is one of the oldest state aviation association with it's origins in 1957.

Mike Pouliot said the website is being updated almost daily. Access it through the DOT, and let him know if you have events on your airfield that you would like included.

**10. Next Meeting Date /Location:** The next meeting will be on June 16. The meeting will be held in Concord at the DOT building, Hazen Drive. Meetings will start at 10:00 am.

**11. Adjournment:** Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Royce Rankin  
Sec/Treas.

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