

Granite State Airport Management Association

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2006

Location: DOT Building, Concord NH

Members Present:

Bill Hopper, President, PDA
Royce Rankin, Secretary/Treas. Nashua
Brian Corliss, TSA
Harvey Sawyer, Jaffery
Heath Marsden, Edwards & Kelsey
Mike Pouliot, NH Aeronautics
Steve Berado, Edwards & Kelsey
Armand Dufresne, Gale Associates
Evan Karpf, Twin Mountain

Ed Mattern, Vice President, Keene
Carol Niewola, NH Aeronautics
Janice Gould, Dufresne-Henry
Barry Hammer, Edwards & Kelsey
Dean Stetson, Parlin Field
Dick Ludders, HTA
Bruce Hutchins, HIE
Jack Ferns, Director, NH Aeronautics
Tricia Lambert, NH Aeronautics

1. **Call to Order:** President Hopper called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.
2. **Minutes:** March minutes were accepted, Motion Ed Mattern, Second Roy Rankin, Unanimous.
3. **Presentation:** Dick Ludders provided a briefing on moving the 1937 terminal building at Manchester from the side of runway 06/24 to the current location on the east side of runway 17/35. It is the new home of the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society. The moving was completed on June 4, 2005 at night with the use of 96 wheels and a computer system to maintain a perfectly level building during the moving. The new building and renovations was completed with the ribbon cutting on September 16, 2005. The vision of the society for the building is to establish a permanent museum, office, and archival storage area to restore and fit up the historic terminal as a center of the NH aviation history. They plan to create educational aviation programs to be presented to area school children adjacent to the runways of NH's major airport. This year's annual banquet will be held on September 22 at the Manchester Country Club. Get your tickets early as they go quickly. This year the Collins Foundation will have their B-17 and B-24 on display as the theme for the event will be the WW II era.

Motion by Roy Rankin and Seconded by Ed Mattern to donate \$2,500 to NHAHS for their fund raising goals. Unanimous vote.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

5. **NHDOT Aeronautics Update Presentation:** Carol Niewola provided updates on projects at airports not represented at the meeting. This year there is grant application for around 40M statewide. She provided a handout of current projects at all NH airports. The Aeronautics web site has been updated, please check and add as necessary. The DOT held an airport consultant seminar to discuss grants closeouts and the processes involved with the AIP Program.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **Treasurers Report:** There is currently \$8083.50 in the account, and 6-56 cent stamps.

8. **Airport Status Report:**

Pease: Bill reported it is a busy time at Pease. 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 cement ramp will be replaced by the Air Force to remove a plume of Jet A that is under ground. Returning troops from Iraqi are given a hero's welcome by the community. They have completed Phase I of the sound insulation program that included 7 homes and a church. They have started Phase II that will include 11 homes and 2 historic houses. The guard is rehabilitating their apron to include more inground fuel hydrants. The new ARFF station is open, however they have not officially moved into it. They have changed their name to Portsmouth International Airport @ Pease.

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. They have a grant application for two new pieces of snow removal equipment.

Parlin Field. Dean expressed his thanks to Carol and Mike for their assistance and participation in working with them on airport problems. Carol (didn't get the last name) spoke on the 15th about her adventures of flying around the world in a Mooney. They participated in an elementary school science program involving dropping eggs from and aircraft. They will be building an additional 10 T-hangers and 1 corporate hanger this year with 10 more planned for the future. The annual Fly In will be on August 20th. They are considering applying to be part of the NPIAS.

White Mountain: The runway extension is nearly complete. The GPS approach is back. They are waiting for the FAA to install the PAPI's. They are working on a survey for a parallel taxiway. They have a new member of the airport commission who received a grant to learn to fly. Judy Oswald will also write articles for the local newspaper on her flying experiences. She is also working on a Girl Scout aviation program. Bruce is the

new president of AANH, and they will be sponsoring a Fly In at the airport on July 1, 2006.

Jaffrey: They have sponsored an aviation program for the elementary school. They are having a program today on launching rockets. They sponsored the Southern NH Scottish Games. The annual fireworks are planned for August 19th. They will be continuing to make pavement repairs.

Keene: They are performing pavement maintenance at the airport that is being funded by the City. Remarketing the airport is currently out for bid. 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. New Hampshire Tech College is moving ahead with plans for the school. Taxiway Alpha will be realigned under the apron grant. They are making upgrades to airport security and changing the access control systems.

9. New Business: Jack talked about an event the MAMA sponsored called MAMA on the Hill that took place in MA to educate representatives on airports in their communities and what problems they experience and what they could do to help. This was held on Beacon Hill and had each individual airport in a booth with their respective manager and consultants to address questions. Later they had a round table discussion with a luncheon and guest speaker. He wonders if there would be any interest in our airports working much the same with the aviation caucus of NH. There are 65 members in the aviation caucus that are very interested in aviation in NH. If we are interested, Jack will get with Key Wyler, chairman of the caucus and get things in motion. Jack asked if there were three or four people interested in forming a steering committee for the project. Bruce Hutchings, Dean Stetson, Bill Hopper and Armand Dufresne volunteered.

Bill Hopper briefed on the Northeast Chapter Conference to be held August 26-30. He encourages early registration as the price increases on July 14th. Sunday will sponsor individual state airport organizations for a two-hour program. He also encouraged those to attend one day if it was not possible to attend the entire conference.

10. Next Meeting Date /Location: The next meeting will be on September 15. 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 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Royce Rankin
Sec/Treas.