



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN KATAMA AIRFIELD COMMISSION



Friday, February 15, 2019
Town Hall
12:00pm

Commissioners Present: Patrick Bradley, Peter Vincent and Michael Nagle

Others Present: James Hagerty, Jane Varconda, Juliet Mulinare, Jamie Langley, Sam Stancati, Ted Murphy.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

James Hagerty addressed the commissioners about change for the Airport Manager from an hourly wage to a salary and the problem that creates for him and other town employees.

After a long discussion it was decided to leave the position as a 40 hour a week position with no overtime at all.

Peter Vincent was appointed to chair the meeting.

We heard from Sam Stancati and Ted Murphy, about noise complaints from the airplanes. They specifically targeted the Biplane and the flight instruction airplane. They submitted a one page list of issues. Mike Creato responded to them with his written answers. Bill Brine pointed out that we cannot tell pilots what to do and that their houses were in a special zone created to avoid these issues. We can make suggestions but pilots are in command (per Federal Aviation Regulations). After an hour Mike Creato said he would do his best himself and to instruct his other pilots to do their best – however the wind favors runway 21 most of the time and that is the safest runway to use when the wind is out of that direction. San and Ted seemed to accept this as a help to them.

Airfield construction projects were talked about. Juliette will get a price on pressure treated and epoxy products. Rail posts etc will be priced using Alaskan Yellow Cedar. All voted to proceed as outlined. Peter was voted to sign contracts on behalf of the commission.

Airfield Hiring Process – job description same – just different dates – ad will go into the Gazette and Times – applications in by the end of March.

2019 warrant articles for submission: We have \$30k left in expenses – that can be transferred as a year-end transfer. We have \$3k in salary left – we need a special town meeting to approve more \$ - we are asking for \$9k for fuel purchase and \$10k for salary.

The Trust does not need to give the money to the treasurer by Town Meeting.

Adjourned at 2:20 – long meeting.