

Minutes of the  
SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION  
September 22, 2022  
Hartness State Airport  
5 p.m.

PRESENT: Paul Bladyka, Bruce Johnson, \*Mike Knoras, Peter MacGillivray, \*Charles Schumacher, Don Shattuck; Bob Flint, SRDC; Mike Martin, Spfld SB; \*Rollin Tebbetts, AOT; \*Chris Beitzel, AOT; \*Jen Gagnon, CAP; \*Otis Munroe, MARC; \*Elias Joseph, guest: \*attended via phone or Zoom

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented (with an agenda date correction). Motion by Peter and Don.

Rollin presented the VTrans report: Snow removal equipment is set and ready. A sander may be here before snow. Sand and deicing chemical is here and stockpiled. The fuel modem is back and was saved by the surge protector. The pedestrian gate is due for repair. Runway reconstruction is still a “work in progress” News articles indicate that Cape Air in LEB may be in jeopardy but that is revenue that goes to NH and not VT. All part of the Essential Air Service program. The hangar inspections looked good. Mr. Elias Joseph will need to get a contract and more info from Guy Tapper. Shayne has no temporary help yet as there is no guarantee of hours for the person.

Chris commented that not many applied or were otherwise qualified. Discussion followed that the State of VT HR website was difficult to find. One needs to look under AOT and then under Aviation and the pay rate is \$22.29 We also discussed the fact that Congress (delegation) needs more info from NetJets, Flight Options, FlexJet, Wheels UP, as well as Jim Hagedorn and company. It was again pointed that all these operations that go to LEB result in NH revenue, not VT. We need to “piggyback” this idea along with FEMA needs in the future and point out the MG Cessna Latitude will not get into KVSF with ½ payloads.

“Put a Face on Aviation” was discussed at length. What are the events we want to bring and/or present? Wings and Wheels, Car show in the DMV lot. Food trucks with a fly-in. Fly-in breakfast with an FAA safety presentation. Chamber sponsored program. What are the various insurance levels required by the State? CAP programs, EAA programs or Young Eagles flights. Bring the Spirit of St. Louis replica up from Old Rhinebeck.

How do we go about encouraging a Pilot Support Group here? More history: Lee Bowman had the first ski plane in the area. Lots to think about for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. on a motion by Mike and Don.

Respectfully submitted:  
Peter MacGillivray, Vice-Chair