

Goodspeed Airport Evaluation Committee
Thursday, July 2, 2020
Meeting Minutes - Approved

Members in attendance: Cameron Beard (via telephone), Mike Callahan, Don Donner, Maryjane Malavasi, Jackie Nowell, Patty Stricker.

Also in attendance: First Selectman Rob Smith.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by First Selectman Smith, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Introduction of Members: Each of the members of the committee introduced themselves.
 - A. Motion made by Ms. Malavasi and seconded by Mr. Donner to nominate Cameron Beard as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Motion made by Ms. Stricker and seconded by Ms. Nowell to nominate Maryjane Malavasi as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Explanation of Process
 - A. First Selectman Smith reviewed the correspondence provided to the committee in advance of the meeting. He outlined the steps that have been taken to form the committee and its charge. He noted that future meetings will have public comment through a dedicated email address set up specifically for this purpose. He suggested that the committee reach out to various organizations as outlined in the charge.
 - B. General Discussion: The members of the committee brought forward suggestions and questions regarding their next steps. Some of the items discussed included holding a walk-through of the property, requesting financial documentation from the current owner, seeking guidance from Jim Ventres and various boards, commissions and organizations, funding an appraisal and possibly an engineering study, conservation easements, possible uses of the property, potential environmental issues, and the process if the purchase of the property was recommended.
4. New Business:
 - A. Review Goals for the committee: Ms. Stricker suggested, and all agreed, to have meetings based on the items discussed under general discussion.
 - B. Review of Any Handout Material: Discussed under item 3.A.

- C. Meeting Schedule: Motion made by Ms. Stricker and seconded by Ms. Nowell to meet each Wednesday at 7:00 pm in a meeting room determined later. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Other:
- i. Ms. Nowell stated that walking the property with Mr. Ventres was a priority. Chairman Beard will set that up.
 - ii. Ms. Malavasi stated that since an appraisal could take six weeks or more, we need to move forward with the funding. First Selectman Smith stated that we would have the authority to contract for the appraisal. Mr. Donner will touch base with the appraisal company to get an updated cost estimate, and he will get an idea of how much an engineering study would cost.
 - iii. Chairman Beard will work with Town Hall to set up public access. Public Comment will be added to future agendas.
5. Adjournment: Motion made by Ms. Stricker and seconded by Mr. Donner to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryjane Malavasi
Secretary