

## Middlebury Airport Communications Updates

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Purpose: Enhancing communications between the Agency of Transportation, Town of Middlebury Selectboard, airport businesses and users, airport neighbors and the general public to assure regular, centralized communications to highlight news, events, issues and opportunities and to reduce miscommunications between all parties.

Formalizing the communications process: Share routine communications, which shall be prepared by the Agency and the Selectboard Airport Representative (currently Nick Artim), and posted on a monthly basis, including

- Status of current major activities at the airport (permitting, planning, construction of major projects)
- Planned maintenance which would be of a significant nature (minor construction maintenance projects that the public would take note of, maintenance of obstruction zones (tree trimming), spraying of fence perimeter, line stripping of runway, etc.)
- Notice of any pending permits
- Notice of events occurring at the airport
- Questions and concerns section reflecting inquiries received by the Agency in the prior month.
- Monthly updates will be posted to the Town of Middlebury Website and the VTrans Middlebury Airport Website

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### Master Hangar Act 250 Permitting Process ([Permit Application # 9A0158-12](#))

The public hearing was held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the hearing is still in recess.

Contact Information for Josh for all Act 250 related questions:

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### Other Private Act 250 Permits Issued/Pending at Middlebury Airport

[9A0158-13](#) – Donald Arnold – Permit Issued on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Construction of a new 60' by 60' hangar at the Middlebury Airport on a site leased by the applicant located directly to the south of the existing terminal/maintenance hangar. Permit application under review.

### Master Plan Process

1. Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3 p.m. at the Middlebury Town Municipal Building, 77 Main Street; a reminder email will be sent to TAC members the week before the meeting.
2. Public Meeting on the Final Draft Plan will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Middlebury Town Municipal Building, 77 Main Street; a notice will be published and posted

in public locations around the Town. Also, an email will be sent to TAC members and the Town, which will post the meeting info on the Town website. The final draft plan will be posted at the Town website in advance of the public meeting.

#### Next steps

There will be a 30-day public comment period following presentation of Final Draft Plan.

FAA review and sign off – December through early 2023

Public notice of any Plan modifications following FAA approval

Secretary of Transportation signs off on Final Plan - early 2023

#### **On Airport Planned Activities for the coming month(s)**

1. Winter/Fall Tree Trimming - VTrans will be completing the activities authorized through Act 250 Permit 9A-0158-11. This will involve selective cutting in the winter of 22/23 of trees not included in the area wide cut undertaken earlier in 2022.

Details can be found at this link:

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0158-11>

2. Fuel Farm Replacement - VTrans' consultant had determined that the fuel tank will need to be replaced (see below). VTrans' has begun the process of design of a replacement fuel farm and securing a temporary fuel truck for provision of fuel until the new fuel farm is operational.

#### **Hangar Inspections**

The annual inspection of leased hangars has been completed. Staff will be reaching out to hangar owners with follow-up as needed.

#### **Aircraft Noise & Flight Related Complaints**

The complaint form on VTrans website has been updated to list the FAA contact information for aircraft noise and flight related complaints. Michele sent the updated form to the Middlebury Town Offices on 9/15 for updating to the Town website.

#### **If you have questions or suggestions, please contact:**

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