

Middlebury Airport Quarterly Communications Update

January through March 2023

Purpose: Enhancing communications between the Agency of Transportation, Town of Middlebury Selectboard, airport businesses and users, airport neighbors and the 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.
 - 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 19th, the hearing is still in recess.

On April 13th the Hearing Recess Order deadline was extended by 31 days, with a new submission deadline of Monday, April 24th, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. and a new rebuttal deadline of Monday, May 8th, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information for all Act 250 questions:

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Other Private Act 250 Permits Issued/Pending at Middlebury Airport

None Pending.

Master Plan Process

The comment period for the final draft of the Master Plan has concluded. The Agency consultant, CHA, will be sending the final draft plan to the FAA the week of April 24th. The FAA has 60 days to review and comment on the plan. Once any comments from the FAA have been resolved, the Secretary of Transportation will approve the final version of the Master Plan and it will be posted to the Agency website and on the Town of Middlebury website.

On Airport Planned Activities for the coming month(s)

Winter/Fall Tree Trimming

Contractor JP Sicard finished cutting trees at the Middlebury State Airport in mid-March and they are finalizing field clean up. The work generally consisted of select tree cutting (Approximately 17 trees), clearing and stump grinding on approximately 1.85 acre of land. No comments have been received by the Agency related to the tree cutting project.

Permit details can be found at this link: <https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0158-11>

Fuel Farm Replacement

The design of a replacement fuel farm is in process.

100LL fuel is available from Green Mountain Avionics which is managing the interim fuel service; there have been no reported issues.

Aircraft Noise & Flight Related Complaints

The FAA contact information for aircraft noise and flight related complaints can be found here: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/noise_emissions/noise_complaints or you may contact the FAA at 202-267-3521.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact:

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