

Norwood Airport Commission
November 8, 2023
Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

1/17/2024

PRESENT

Mark Ryan, Chair
Michael Sheehan, Vice Chair
John Corcoran

Mark Raymond, Airport Manager
Emily Manning, Recording Secretary

Meeting being recorded by NCM, Norwood Record (Matt MacDonald), Boston Executive Helicopters (Ethan Poag)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

PROJECTS

AIP Project Update: DuBois & King

Mr. Raymond provided there was an annual capital improvement project update with the FAA and MassDOT to discuss future projects. The FAA noise study was being pushed up to 2025.

MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Raymond pointed out one item not listed on the report; the airport hosted seven U.S. Army helicopters for a few days.

Mr. Ryan commented on landing fees that were reported for the month. Mr. Raymond was in the process of comparing Norwood's rates to other airports.

Mr. Sheehan pointed out correspondence received from a resident noting that the Plymouth Airport had higher fees than Norwood. Mr. Sheehan noted that the Plymouth Airport employed seven people, whereas Norwood had a larger airport with only two staff members.

MOTION to approve the Airport Manager's report made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

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Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Contract- P.J. Hayes Inc.

MOTION to approve the contract for P.J. Hayes Inc. made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

Snow Contract- Francis D Ciavattone Construction

MOTION to approve the contract for Francis D Ciavattone Construction made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee- Airport Trail Proposal,

Joe Greeley presented on behalf of the Committee. They had originally submitted their request in October 2022, but had updated their request as of August 2023. They were not looking to build a trail on airport property, but to coincide. The Trails Committee had identified two potential trails near the airport. The goal was to connect Meadow Street with University Avenue.

Mr. Sheehan wondered if the FAA was against the original trail proposal from 2022. Mr. Ryan stated that the FAA did not support the proposal, but he had reached out to them again in hopes of making a trail on airport property work. Mr. Sheehan was concerned about the FAA pulling funding from the airport if the proposal were approved. Mr. Ryan clarified that the Commission could make sure that the proposal was pending FAA and MassDOT approval. Mr. Sheehan also expressed concern over safety during hunting season, as hunting on airport property was popular. Mr. Ryan noted that signage would need to be posted by the Trails Committee.

Mr. Corcoran was concerned about the trail going over MBTA or Amtrak tracks. He also questioned how the Trails Committee planned to maintain the potential trail. Mr. Greeley explained that the Trails Committee maintains all of the trails in Norwood themselves using volunteers, and sometimes petitions the DPW for assistance with heavy lifting.

MOTION to support the proposed "Blue Trail", pending FAA and MassDOT, approval made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

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Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

OLD BUSINESS

Aircraft Overflights in the Winfield St./Rock St. Neighborhood

Ed Costello, 152 Rock Street, pointed out that he had not noticed much new activity, and appreciated the Committee's correspondences. Mr. Costello commented that during the weekdays, overflights had been quiet, but the weekends could get noisy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Joseph Greeley (Norwood Trails Advisory Committee) re: Norwood Airport/Foul Meadow Trail

MOTION to place the correspondence on file made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter Executive Session made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Corcoran: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result: 3-0-0 (Approved)

Both Regular and Executive Session will be adjourned during the Executive Session