

The Seven hundred and forty-ninth Meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Worcester Regional Airport Terminal Building.

Members present were: Chairman James Delehaunty, Vice–Chairman Joseph Zwirblia and Commissioners Timothy DeSantis, Tom Gorham, Robert Nemeth, Thomas Reynolds and Patsy SantaMaria.

Also present were: Mr. Doug Robinson, General Manager, Swissport, Eric Waldron, Airport Director and Philip Niddrie, Airport Liason.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of minutes of the August 14, 2006 meeting**

Commissioner Gorham moved, seconded by Commissioner SantaMaria, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2006 meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

**2. Report of the Commission Chairman**

Chairman Delehaunty advised that one of the two action items under New Business, Approval of a Swissport sublease, will not be acted on tonight since the final sublease between the parties has not yet been completed. The Chairman also indicated that, starting in October, the Commission will receive quarterly briefings on the airport budget. Finally, the Chair indicated that he wanted to hold discussion on Allegiant's departure until after the Commission covers the other business on their agenda.

**3. Commissioner's Reports**

● **Marketing-** To be handled under "Old Business" by Mr. Niddrie.

● **Aviation-** Commissioner SantaMaria advised that he has contacted Alpha, a company that owns numerous Pilatus aircraft that they use under a fractional share ownership program; he has heard that they may be interested in relocating their business. He is setting up a meeting with them to review what Worcester Airport has to offer. He has also talked to Raytheon Corp. about holding an open house at Worcester Airport and inviting the companies who have purchased Raytheon aircraft over the past three years to attend. In response to a question from a Member, Commissioner SantaMaria indicated that he is still talking to Raytheon about the potential of them establishing a service center at Worcester Airport.

● **Master Plan-** No Report, the plan is expected to be completed this fall.

#### 4. Reports of the Airport Director

- **Development Sites RFP:** RFP's are on track and scheduled to be finalized by staff at the end of this month and reviewed by Worcester and Massport Legal Departments in order to be issued to the public in late September.
- **NBAA Conference:** No change. We still expect to send representatives to this conference in October.

Mr. Waldron reviewed aircraft operations for the year-to-date.

#### 5. Old Business

- **Marketing Report:** Mr. Niddrie reported that the Allegiant marketing has ended and that the billboard adds will be removed soon
- **Energy Task Force Update:** Vice Chair Zwirblia reported that the terminal walk-thru/audit was completed by Esco on behalf of National Grid. Lighting is suspected to be the biggest issue/energy consuming area. The company will put forward a report with suggestions for energy savings, possibly by the next Commission meeting.
- **State Aviation Fuel Tax:** Mr. Waldron advised the Members that the City Managers office has requested that the Commission revise the vote it took on this issue to "suspend the City's participation in", rather than rescinding the vote of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1989 to adopt the law relative to imposing etc. the tax. After some discussion, Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Nemeth that:

**The Worcester Regional Airport Commission, in an effort to encourage more Commercial and General Aviation activity at the Airport, hereby amends the vote of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regarding the state tax and recommends to the City Manager that the City of Worcester suspend the City's participation in the imposition, payment, collection and distribution of a tax on the sale or use of aircraft fuel in the City of Worcester as described in Mass. General Laws 64j Section 13 adopted by the City Council on September 5, 1989. Voted 6-1, Commissioner DeSantis voting against the Motion.**

#### 6. New Business

- **PUMA Commercial:** PUMA has requested a license agreement to shoot another commercial/advertisement in the Terminal. Commissioner Nemeth moved, seconded by Commissioner SantaMaria, to approve the request by PUMA to shoot a commercial/advertisement in the Terminal, and to authorize the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign all requisite documents related to this matter, for a fee to be negotiated by the Airport Director. **All in favor-So Voted.**

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman provided the opportunity for each Member to share their thoughts on the departure from the Worcester market, and discussion ensued.

Prior to adjourning, the next meeting date was set for October 2, 2006 (October 9<sup>th</sup> being a holiday), at 6:30 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Conference Room.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorham, to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Eric N. Waldron, A.A.E., ACE  
Airport Director and  
Clerk of the Commission