

The Seven hundred seventy-fifth meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday January 12, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Worcester Regional Airport Terminal Building.

There was a pre-meeting celebration held in recognition of Eric Waldron's leaving the airport for a new position at Massport (Logan Airport). Eric was presented a plaque by the commission and the Key to the City by Mayor Konstantina Lukes. Present at the pre-meeting event were all the present commissioners and former Chairs Michael Amir, Phyllis Freilich and Robert Nemeth as well as former Commissioners Jim Powell, Chaz Harris, William Downey. Also present were Mayor Konstantina Lukes, Kathy Colon, Andy Davis and Philip Niddrie and Suzanne Waldron.

Numerous people present gave testimony to the service that Director Waldron had accomplished over the years particularly in the area of Operations and security and highlighted the commitment of him and his wife Suzanne to the Worcester Community.

Following the Commission meeting there was a reception/ dinner at the Red Lantern Restaurant which was attended by present members of the commission, Eric and Suzanne Waldron, Andy Davis, Judy Niddrie Arthur Arnikarian and former Commissioners Tim DeSantis and Tom Gorham.

### **The regular meeting convened @ 6:31 PM**

Members present were: Chairman Jim Delehaunty, Vice-Chairman Joe Zwirblia, Commissioners Eric Nierenberg, Tom Reynolds and Patsy SantaMaria.

Also present were: Mr. Andrew Davis, the newly-appointed Airport Director, Eric N. Waldron A.A.E. Suzanne Waldron, Richard Froggatt, Michael Amir and Mr. Philip Niddrie, Airport Liaison.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

#### **1. Approval of minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting -**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Zwirblia, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting. **Passed unanimously**

**2. Report of the Commission Chairman** – Chairman Delehaunty referred to the pre and post-meeting events in recognition of the 10 years of service to the Airport and the Commission by former Airport Director, Eric Waldron. Mr. Waldron then thanked the Commission for their cooperation over the years and wished newly-appointed Director Davis well in his tenure at the airport.

#### **3. Old Business- None**

**6. New Business-** Chairman Delehaunty referred to a conversation and opinion that he had received from David Moore, City Solicitor regarding the position of Clerk of the Airport Commission. It is the Solicitor's position that the Clerk of the Commission should be the highest ranking city official- the Airport Liaison. As a result, the commission appointed Philip J. Niddrie as Clerk of the Commission. It was also mentioned by Eric Waldron that the Massport Legal Department was aware of the change and has agreed with the City Solicitor's opinion. On a motion by Mr. Delehaunty and seconded by commissioner SantaMaria to appoint Mr. Niddrie to the clerk's position. **Passed Unanimously**

**Election of Officers:** On a motion by Chairman Delehaunty and seconded by Commissioner SantaMaria Joe Zwirblia was nominated for Chair of the Commission. **Passed 4 yeas, 1 abstain (Zwirblia). 0 Nay the motion passed** Chairman Zwirblia thanked the Commission for their support and also expressed appreciation to Eric Waldron and Jim Delehaunty for their support over the years.

On a motion by Chairman Zwirblia and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner SantaMaria was nominated for Vice-Chair. **Passed unanimously**

**Commission Vacancies:** There was discussion and encouragement of Commission members to let people know of the two vacancies on the Commission and ask them to consider sending their names into the Citizens Advisory Committee for consideration.

**Welcome for Newly-appointed Director Andrew Davis-** The Commission was reminded of the event the next morning where Massport has invited members of the Worcester Community to meet the new director at 8:00 AM in the Terminal.

#### **7. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Philip J. Niddrie  
Clerk of the Commission