



Norridgewock Airport Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 25, 2022
9:30 AM
Central Maine Regional Airport Terminal Building

APPROVED
12/07/2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Carr, chair
Glen Davis (via phone)
Charlie LaVerdiere
Ken Morgan

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Roland Ray, Maintenance Supervisor

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Rob Gardner and Brenda Morgan.

1. Airport Terminal Building Report, Plan Forward

Richard provided hardcopies of the report generated by AE Hodsdon Engineers regarding the condition of the existing terminal building. There was extensive discussion surrounding the wants and needs, related to the terminal building. The consensus of the committee was that if the TIF Committee wants to build a new terminal building, they can. In addition to determining the need for a terminal, there was also discussion about the feasibility of approval. The committee decides that plans should be created, prices gathered, then a presentation made to the Select Board.

Needs to be considered in remodeling/constructing terminal: ADA bath (2), conference room, air conditioning (heat pumps), septic upgrade, parking lot, lighting, utilities (heat, electric systems), classroom (2), mini kitchen, lounge. Jet-A fuel offering was also discussed, but was not included in the list of necessities. There was also a question as to whether or not sprinklers would be required.

The committee decides to seek three pricing options for various proposals: 1) remodel the existing terminal building; 2) remodel the existing terminal and put an addition on the back; 3) build a new terminal; 4) build a new terminal with hangar attached (50'W x 40'D, 19' posted minimum).

2. Update on Runway Sealcoat/Marking Project

The project for the upcoming season was planned to be crack sealing and pavement markings; however, at the request of the committee and staff, this was expanded to include sealcoating. Gale is working on the initial planning for this work to be completed and an update will be provided soon.

3. Update on Funding for Runway 3/21

The discussion regarding funding for cross-wind runways continues as the State and Federal governments are unwilling to fund non-essential projects. As such, either Runway 3/21 will be discontinued, or the airport will have to find alternate sources of funding. There may be an

opportunity to discuss this gap with the State. There are several other airports in the state that will be impacted by the same ruling; however, our airport is the only one the is used for EVOC training.

4. Other Business

The committee discussed opportunities for economic development at the airport and it was noted that the greatest economic impact to be made would likely be from building a repair facility. Initial cost estimates were \$200,000 to 250,000. This caused option four to be added to the list of project proposals.

There was continued discussion regarding opportunities for courtesy vehicles and/or connecting with a rental car company. This is a difficult obstacle for the airport, but one that presents significant opportunity.

Richard inquired about whether or not the committee would support the use of the airport for a snowmobile event next winter; the general consensus was that it would be supported. He also asked about whether or not the airport should consider attracting a skydiving firm to base at the airport. The membership of the committee was unanimous in opposing this prospect.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.