



## Meeting Minutes

### Granite State Airport Management Association, Inc.

Friday, June 10, 2016 10:00am

**Plymouth Municipal Airport**

**111 Quincy Rd**

**Plymouth, NH**

#### **Members Present:**

Harvey Sawyer [Jaffrey Airport/Silver Ranch Airpark]  
John Wozmak [Dillant-Hopkins Airport]  
Marv Everson [Laconia Municipal Airport]  
Bill Hopper [Portsmouth International Airport at Pease]  
Bob Furey [Hoyle Tanner  
Patrick Herlihy [NHDOT]  
Rita Castonguay Hunt [NHDOT]  
Martha Drukker [Concord Municipal Airport]

Bob Mallard [ASG]  
Glenn Smart [The Smart Associates]  
Jorge Panteli [FAA/Airports Division]  
Stephen Bourque [Boire Field/ Nashua]  
Brendon Hoch [Plymouth State University]  
Sean Collins [AOPA]  
Ervin Deck [Stantec]  
Tom Hettinger [Hettinger Consulting]  
Tricia Schoeneck-Lambert [NHDOT]

#### **Call to Order and Welcome by Stephen Bourque:**

Stephen Bourque welcomed GSAMA to the Plymouth Municipal Airport. Stephen emphasized the need for volunteers to serve on GSAMA sub committees.

#### **Approval of Minutes – June 10,2016:**

A motion was made to approve by Colin McIver and seconded by Martha Drukker. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Andrew Pomeroy reported that GSAMA had \$20,564.12 in its Checking account. It was mentioned that GSAMA had previously pledged the money raised by the Events Committee (~\$5250.00) to stem programs and if that was approved in the Old Business portion of today's meeting then GSAMA would have \$15,314.

GSAMA now has non-profit status with the IRS. the ID# is 61-177 8976. An application for 501-C6 is in progress and officers must make sure to answer accounting questions. Annual Filing with IRS is required with only a post card summary if GSAMA works with less than \$50,000 per year.

**Presentations:**

**a. The History of Aviation in New Hampshire – Mr. Wendell Berthelsen, NH Aviation Historical Society**

Mr. Berthelsen presented Virtual Skies; an aviation career based education for high school students. This program has reached over 2000 students this year. Volunteers travel to schools and discuss topics like “Forces of Flight”, There is an airport building activity and paper airplane projects.

Mr. Berthelsen announced several aviation events occurring this summer and gave an overview of notable aviators in New Hampshire’s history.

**b. NHDOT – Bureau of Aeronautics 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Rita Hunt**

- a.** Plymouth State University Artists created the design of the commemorative poster celebrating NHDOT Division of Aeronautics 75<sup>th</sup> year

Stephen Bourque asked for a motion to be made to contribute \$500.00 to the New Hampshire Aviation History Museum by Martha Drukker and seconded by Harvey Sawyer. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**a. Outreach Committee Update: Stephen Bourque**

**i. Distribution of Event Funds**

Heath Marsden said that the Newport, NH ACE camp has the need for lap top computers to run Microsoft Flight Sim and for flight yokes.

Winn Aero – ACE camp

A motion to make 75% of funds raised from events go to STEM Education.

A motion to spend \$4700.00 for Stem Education was made by Martha Drukker and seconded by Bill Hopper and to split the funds between Winn Aero and Newport, NH ACE camps. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Events Committee Update: Erik Strand**

**i. “Pilots and Drivers” Golf Tournament**

There is a need for 60 golfers to break even with this event

**ii. Concord Airport Aviation Day and Runway 5k**

More Volunteers are needed.

**iii. The Codie Experience**

Videos are being produced.

**c. Legislative Committee Update: Stephen Bourque**  
**i. 2016 GSAMA's Legislative Focus Meeting**

What should the legislative meeting theme be?

In 2014 the theme was "Aviation funding in today's climate"

Sean Collins with AOPA made the point that state aviation day at the state house lobbying has been effective in other state and can be viewed sometimes as a contact sport.

Round table discussion

Bill H. NHDOT – Focus on tweaking our current method, AOPA sponsorship is huge.

Patrick Herlihy – programs that used to be funded that are no longer 80/20 grants to airport sponsors

Andrew Pomeroy – redbird – ground school

Municipal Airports as economic engines

**Airport Grant Program Update by NHDOT and FAA:**

Jorge Panteli [FAA] - Grants for fiscal 2016 is in motion and Mentioned some details of the new FAA Hangar-Use policy update.

Rita Castonguay Hunt [NHDOT Aeronautics] asked to include NHDOT on any aviation events at airports to help distribute the event information.

Reminded airports to schedule their CIP – scoping meetings before the end of September

Requested that Based Aircraft count be submitted so the 5010 and NHDOT counts could be updated

Airport property taxes – info needed from airport in order to ask for the appropriate amounts in the SFY 2018-19 budget.

FAA block program Audit underway and some requests have gone out for project information that need a quick response back to NHDOT.

**New Business:**

**a. Local and Regional Group Leadership Roundtable Discussions, Boston May 18 – Stephen Bourque**

Internships and Scholarships are available

ACRP – research funding is being cut

GSAMA could send a letter of support

DES – revising wetland regulations, new regs may be potentially burdensome.

Rita Castonguay Hunt mentioned that a Thank You to David DeVries and the NHPA would be a nice gesture. The Blue Skies Scholarship program helped license eight pilots this year so far.

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, September 9, 2016 10:00am at Keene, Dillant-Hopkins Airport

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hopper and seconded by Stephen Bourque

Respectfully Submitted,

Colin McIver, GSAMA Secretary