

May 7, 2015

WASHINGTON ISLAND AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT TO TOWN BOARD FOR YEAR 2014

In 2013 The Washington Island Airport Advisory Committee was formed to assist the Town Board to identify and implement improvements to the Town Airport.

The mission statement for the Committee is to provide oversight pertaining to the continuous safe and secure operations and facilities and maintenance, improvement and development of the Washington Island Airport.

The vision statement for the Committee states that since access to the Island is only by Ferry/Boat or by aircraft, providing a safe and hospitable general aviation, public use airport is essential to support the local economy while meeting the needs of the Island citizens, businesses and visitors.

Since the formation of the Committee in May of 3013 we have been instrumental in capturing State funds that would have been lost to the town. The current airport improvement project is the result of those efforts. During our first year, eight Committee meetings were held to organize and implement the plan.

The Washington Island Airport Advisory Committee (WIAAC) met four times in the year 2014.

1. On February 26<sup>th</sup> the meeting involved a conference call between Kevin Sielaff with Mead & Hunt, Gayle Stern, State BOA and the Committee to discuss the findings on the approved Island airport projects. In addition the project priorities were discussed in relation to costs.
2. On May 21<sup>st</sup> Mead & Hunt engineer Kevin Sielaff updated the committee on the Improvement plan.
3. June 4<sup>th</sup> was a conference call between Mead & Hunt, Galye Stern with the BOA and the Committee to discuss the project plans.
4. October 16<sup>th</sup> was a lengthy meeting with a wide ranging agenda. Minutes of that meeting as well as the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting are attached to this report for your review. We feel a reading of those minutes will be helpful in reviewing the work and efforts of the Committee.

As of this time the Committee has not had any communications with either the BOA or Mead & Hunt since June of last year (2014).

We would suggest that the WIAAC could be of more use and significance in their advisory capacity by having a roll in the communication link between the engineering firm, BOA, Airport Manager and Town. Case in point is the situation that developed with the tree cutting for runway clearance.

Respectfully, WIAAC Members:

Michael Berger, Chairman

Ed Graf, Lu Beekman, Gary Crites, Joel Gunnlaugsson

Encl: WIAAC Minutes