

MORRIS COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 28, 2010

A meeting of the Morris County Airport Advisory Committee was held on October 28, at Morristown Municipal Airport (Airport Administration Building), Morristown New Jersey. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder Gene Feyl
Maria Renner, Win Perkins, Megan Moench

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Pinto, Director of Planning and Development
Janet Donaldson, Secretary, Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders; Peter, Gilchrist, Ken Schleifer,
Eric Bossard, William List, Melverne Cooke, Anthony Barrett,

ABSENT: Freeholder James Murray, Donald Bowen, Tom DeFeo,
Peter DeRosa, Lou Nisivoccia, Richard Tighe,
Marilyn Vela, Mark Walsh, Ed Newton, Jack Olcott

Before the start of the regular meeting the committee was transported to the runway. The Morristown Municipal Airport Fire Chief gave an overview of the triennial drill and all the work that goes into making the drill a beneficial learning experience for all the participants and spectators. The committee also was able to get a first look at the new aircraft rescue firefighting truck.

Freeholder Nordstrom opened the meeting with introductions made by each attendee.

The May 13, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bill List made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2010 and Maria Renner seconded the motion. The committee members unanimously approved.

Maria Renner spoke about the Emergency Response Exercise that is taking place on October 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. there is no advance notice of what the scenario entails. That is done on purpose to see if the participants end up at the right gate or do something outside of what the emergency plan calls for. Most of the victims are foreigners and do not speak English. Some of the victims are under 18 who are part of the Somerset Explorer Post. The victims under 18 will not be transferred to the hospital only the ones over 18.

Maria, Peter, and the other individuals who put together the drill do the evaluation which includes their own staff. Participants are evaluated by the staging and the actual scene of the drilling exercise. A staff member is evaluated by their quickness to respond to the situation and going through the proper channels as far as making phone calls. The calls are dispatched to Morristown and they call all the municipal entities.

Megan Moench reported that as far as the DCA Gateway Airport Delay Congressman Frelinghuysen requested a briefing from TSA and as of now there has been no response back.

Margaret Nordstrom reported that at last night's Freeholder Meeting a resolution was passed establishing the Morris County Economic Development Advisory Committee. The committee will consist of a representative from the Morris/Sussex/Warren Workforce Investment Board, Morris County Chamber of Commerce, County College of Morris, Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce, and the Morris County Economic Development Corporation.

Margaret over the summer went to the FAA test center in Atlantic City. One of the speakers was from a community college that offers a program on flight traffic instructors. This particular field is growing as far as employment opportunities.

Eric and Maria have gone to local high schools such as Whippany, Hanover, Madison and Morristown to talk about their scholarship program and have talked to guidance counselors about offering aviation courses. There has not been any positive feedback from the counselors.

Eric and Margaret thought that it would be a good idea to invite some of the superintendents of schools from surrounding towns and representatives from County College of Morris and School of Technology to the airport and see what the airport has to offer.

Eric mentioned that a Business Aviation Forum with the satellite airports around the New York area which includes Morristown, Teterboro, White Plains and Farmingdale was created. This way they can address their own specific aircraft delay problems. The forum has been making progress. Eric has been in contact

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with Honeywell and Verizon. Honeywell has seen improvement with the airport. Verizon still has issues.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Donaldson
Secretary
Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders