

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes
March 12, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Wright; Supervisors Hargrave, Lucia, Barrett, Grattidge and Lewza; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Joseph Ritchey, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Mike Churchhill, McFarland Johnson; Tim Hanke, Adirondack Soaring; League of Women Voters; Press.

Vice Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting were approved unanimous.

Mr. Churchhill said he attended a TAC meeting with the FAA to review the draft final report and discuss issues that were raised regarding the proposed Glider staging area, which included the following:

- FAA operational restrictions (ROFA) and DEC restrictions (Habitat Management Plan) provide limited ability to stage glider equipment within the active airfield
- Proposal was made at the January review meeting to allow staging on runway 13-31
- FAA reviewed proposal and on 2/9/12 provided review comments
- Primary issues addressed in FAA review
 - Only portion of runway SE of intersection can be closed
 - Standard NOTAM must be prepared notifying pilots of runway closure
 - FAA will review rules and regulations though a non-rulemaking airport (NRA) review
 - Need to coordinate implementation of rules with entire airport community
 - Once rules are in place, if a formal complaint is filed from a based or transient operator, the FAA would likely find in favor of the complainant.

Mr. Churchhill requested direction from the committee on how to move forward with the revisions.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Barrett to direct Mr. Churchhill to move forward with pursuing additional options to the Rules and Regulations of the airport. Unanimous.

Mr. Grattidge suggested pursuing the outside areas and that the question to the DEC would be that we are in a situation where we need some relief along with the habitat land,

and ask them if they could expedite the review. He said ultimately that is where the committee would want to see a couple of staging areas.

Mr. Churchill said they have already had those conversations with the DEC and they don't want to look at any of those options until there is work on a global master plan process. Mr. McFarland said he expects to receive a grant this year to do a full master plan, where part of the process will be to look at the staging areas for gliders.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom