

**DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.  
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810  
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, October 21, 2008

**01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman Ashkar.**

**02 Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Oppermann, Baker

Absent: Frizzell

**03 Motion made to accept the September 16, 2008 meeting minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**04 Liaison Report:**

No Liaison Report.

**05 Administrator's Monthly Report:**

Michael Safranek, Assistant Airport Administrator read into minutes memo dated October 21, 2008 by Paul Estefan (copy attached). Mr. Safranek reported all trees have been cut, the 8 approach has been certified, and new growth has started on the cleared property, an obstruction light was placed on the Grenier barn which is temporary and will be removed when building comes down, the runway intersection repaving will be done maybe in the spring, a crack filling machine was recently purchased to repair the runways, and a snowblower is being looked at from Tweed/New Haven. Reliant Air has received their certificate of occupancy and has moved to their new building.

**Motion made to accept Administrator's Monthly report, seconded and unanimously approved.**

**Motion made to open Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

**Public Speaking:**

Mr. Rob Sadler read into the minutes a letter from the Sadler Family (copy attached).

Mr. Rob Zohn, Business Aircraft Center, requested the Airport submit a formal request to the FAA to consider the installation of a glide scope or accelerated differential GPS approach to runway 8 now that the trees are down along with Papi's and/or Vasi's. These items are for safety reasons only. Mr. Estefan advised we will investigate this request when the Grenier building is removed sometime in the Spring.

**Motion made to close Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

**Old Business**

***Sadler Aircraft – Revocation of Permit and/or Eviction***

Attorney Pinter gave a brief summary of the financial background of Sadler, which included past years of delinquencies as well as a prior Show Cause Hearing held in April, 2007, after which the commission allowed Sadler to pay their outstanding debt. The Finance Office received a check today for \$5,500 which were advised to hold pending information from the Commission. Due to the past history of delinquency by Sadler, Attorney Pinter recommended a Show Cause Hearing be held in November as suggested by Paul Estefan, which Legal will supply all necessary documentation.

Attorney Pinter advised with regard to the delinquency of the rent, the Commission can authorize the eviction process to proceed for the leased property where Sadler parks aircraft, which will be handled by outside counsel as a separate matter.

Chairman Ashkar reported as this situation has happened many times in the past, I agree with the recommendation that Paul Estefan has made to have a Show Cause Hearing on November 18, and I am requesting Pinter to hold all fees until that date.

**Motion was made to schedule a Show Cause Hearing on the permit fee delinquencies with possible revocation of permits and the land lease delinquencies with possible eviction action at 6 p.m. on November 18, 2008, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

## **New Business**

### ***Centennial Helicopter – Special Exception***

Commissioner Oppermann asked how long this interim period will be to charge Centennial this lower fee structure. Mr. Estefan advised the commission has in the past approved a specialized category and fee structure and recommends a committee be set up to discuss the Minimum Standards to include a specialized category. Prior to the Minimum Standards being revised, I recommend you consider this Specialized Category on a temporary basis at \$3,750 per annum in order for Centennial Helicopter to start paying his fees commencing October 1, 2008.

Mr. Curt Brunjes of Curtiss Aero, stated he is in favor to this proposal for Centennial Helicopter as he is a one-man operation and is appropriate that he pay a lesser fee structure and encourage the commission to look into the fact that helicopter are not different from aircraft issue but a small company versus larger company is the issue and encourage the commission to look for a consistent policy that could achieve a proper outcome to encourage small operators to be able to establish themselves.

Chairman Ashkar reported it was decided to create a subcategory under the FBO that they are lodged with, for a small one aircraft, one man operation.

Mr. Safranek asked if this was a rotocraft permit or how is this motion going to be made. Chairman Ashkar advised the study group would need to come up with that; Mr. Estefan advised the commission did limit it to rotocraft; Mr. Safranek stated this must be clear that it is solely for two or less rotocraft used for instructional purposes only.

Mr. Brunjes asked why would it be rotocraft only and not include winged aircraft; Mr. Ashkar advised at this time we are limiting it only to rotocraft but will consider if something else is brought up.

**Motion was made for the interim period to charge \$3,750 per annum for a specialized category permit for rotocraft with two or more helicopters for instruction purposes only, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

Chairman Ashkar formed a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Baker and Oppermann, Paul Estefan, Michael Safranek, and Michael DeMarchi/Centennial Helicopters to revise Minimum Standards.

**Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.**

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