

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL
AIRPORT APPOINTIVE AGENCY
APRIL 10, 2023
6:30 PM
LACONIA CITY HALL, ARMAND A. BOLDUC CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
MINUTES**

Call to order: Chairman Andrew Hosmer called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM

Salute to the Flag: Councilor led the salute to the flag

Recording Secretary: Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Roll Call: City Clerk Gargano called the roll of the following board members: City Clerk Gargano called the roll of the following board members: Councilor Cheney, Councilor Soucy, Councilor Lipman, Councilor Haynes, Councilor Felch, Town of Gilford Selectman Dale Channing Eddy, Belknap County Commissioner Peter Spanos and Mayor Hosmer.

Absent: Councilor Hamel

1. INTERVIEWS & APPOINTMENTS

Airport Manager Marv Everson gave a brief overview to the board at the start of the meeting. We had Steve Cotter, Vicky VieBrooks and Carl Dodge as candidates for the openings. One position is a 4 year term with eligibility for a 2nd 4 year term. One person is currently finishing the term of the person who stepped down. That person will then be eligible to serve 2 more 4 year terms. The third one will be likewise. It has not been determined which person will take on which role, that will be decided at the next meeting. These new terms will be staggered so they do not expire at the same time.

Vicky VieBrooks interviewed with the board. Councilor Soucy asked where she lived. She lives over near the Weirs. Peter Spanos asked if she thinks there is anything the board should be looking at that they might have over the last couple of years. She said that her observations are for improving services, access and transportation to and from the airport.

Stephen Cotter interviewed with the board. He is a resident of Laconia. Councilor Lipman asked if he has flown out of Laconia himself and does he have any observations being a pilot himself. Mr. Cotter said on and off for the last 4 years he has been flying from Laconia. In his opinion the operations here are reasonably well. They do a great job. Peter Spanos asked in his vision for the airport, does he feel the need to expand its capacity significantly over the next 5 to 10 years. Mr. Cotter said that if they have the ability to do that would certainly be good.

Carl Dodge interviewed with the board and is a resident of Laconia. Peter Spanos asked if he had any basis for comparison between the airport in Laconia and comparable places like Claremont and Keene in terms of service. He said that Lebanon was pretty rugged because of the wind factor. Laconia is a nice easy run in and out. He thinks that the operations are very satisfactory. There are always a few glitches everywhere.

Dale Channing Eddy made the motion to move the nominations of these three individuals forward to the Laconia Airport Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilor Felch. There was no further discussion. ***The motion passed with all in favor 8-0.***

Manager Everson announced their next meeting is next week.

2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Hosmer adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

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