

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

2 February 2022

The meeting started, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, at 0835 in the Town Hall. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Mark Wright, Alan Densmore, Dave Iuliano, Terry Smith and on the phone were Chris Kneppers and Ryan Riney.

Fuel sales for January were 1128 gallons.

It was reported that the QTpod was off line for a few days, this noted in the upper left of the screen and needs to be checked with the fuel checks.

Particulates of carbon steel have been noted in the fuel sump system, Ash has talked to Steve Tibbitts and been told that this is normal when a tank gets older and as the fuel level gets lower condensation will build up on the walls of the tank and result in this condition. It is normal and OK for 100LL.

Nothing new on the night landing approach from the FAA, we will need to learn how to use the FAA system to update our information.

PA is getting ready to go out for bids on the next phase of the ramp resurface.

The old beacon, currently on the paper company property, needs to have a plan in place for the location where it will be installed. Dave Woods, Terry Smith and Jon Hanna will work on finding the best location and report back to the committee. It will not have electricity connected to it. It will need a concrete pad to be placed on. The paper company will move the beacon and tower the next time they have a crane on site.

Dave Woods will talk to Sal about dropping off more fill dirt in the low areas.

We currently have 20 tie down spots at the airport and only one is being used.

Meeting adjourned at 0900

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 1 March, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

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1 March 2022

The meeting started, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, at 0830 in the Town Hall. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Mark Wright, Alan Densmore, Dave Iuliano, Terry Smith and on the phone was Chris Kneppers.

Fuel sales for February were 632 gallons.

It was reported that the QTpod was off line for a few days, this noted in the upper left of the screen and needs to be checked with the fuel checks.

Particulates of carbon steel have been noted in the fuel sump system, as the fuel level gets lower condensation will build up on the walls of the tank and result in this condition. It is normal and OK for 100LL.

Nothing new on the night landing approach from the FAA, Mark will contact the FAA to obtain that information.

Jon will remove the old silt fence that is no longer required.

Alan gave an update on the old beacon, currently on the paper company property, It will need to meet the 20:1 landing approach, so the tower will be lowered from 60 feet to 30 feet to meet that requirement and this is lower than the power poles on the street. A fence will be needed around the base and foundation to mount the tower on. We will have an engineer review the plan so it meets all requirements. Terry will talk to the APA to see if any approvals are needed. Mark will review the proposal and get back to Terry.

Dave Woods talked to Sal about dropping off more fill dirt in the low areas, they should start in the spring.

Th gate has not been happy with the cold and snow. Bryan has been making repairs as needed. The gate is now working, but the snow brushes on the rail need to be replaced.

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Meeting adjourned at 0920

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 5 April, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

5 April 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Mark Wright, Alan Densmore, Terry Smith and Tom Thatcher.

Fuel sales for March were 1959 gallons, leaving us with just over 2000 in the tank. Ash will talk to Titan fuels and make plans to refill the tank when needed.

We decided to order the Port-a- potty again and due to the lower cost in the out of season will keep it for the entire year.

Mark has contacted the FAA and requested the instructions for the night landing approach update to their data base. Bryan has the data ready to input as soon as we have the instructions.

Jon will install some stakes to spot the location for the dirt to be deposited from the DPW.

Alan gave an update on the old beacon tower; he spent much time in plotting the locations and drawing the prints which he handed out copies to the team. The location is within requirements of the FAA and APA. The power and phone lines do not look as they are in the area of the planned tower location, Dave will confirm as we get closer to approval. The town board received their proposal at the March meeting and will vote on it at the April meeting. Our committee will be represented at that meeting to respond to any questions the board may have. Terry gave an update on the paper company's plan for the tower relocation. He then talked about possible funding for the base and fence.

Meeting adjourned at 0850

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday 3 May, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

3 May 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Mark Wright, Alan Densmore, Terry Smith Tom Thatcher, Dave Iuliano and Chris Kneppers on the phone.

Jon reported fuel sales for April were 445 gallons, leaving us with just over 1500 in the tank. Ash has talked to Titan fuels and fuel is currently at \$5.42 a gallon, he will order 5,300 gallons. We then had a discussion on our current price and what goes into setting the price we charge. Jon has been trading phone messages with the annual filter replace and inspection team and will let everyone know as soon as we have a date.

Jon reported that the Port-a- potty has arrived and been tested and is working fine.

Mark reported he talked to the FAA concerning the night landing information update and received a link that should allow us to due our part of the update to see if the FAA will accept it. Bryan will work on this with Mark.

Jon worked on the construction gate lock and has it working and ready for fill.

Ash reported trouble with the strobe runway lights, he will contact the electrician we used last time to have him repair them.

The town board has approved the plan to move the rotary beacon tower from the paper company to the airport. Terry has talked to the paper company and they will have a crane operator coming to the plant and will move the tower at that time. The SUN will cover the move with plans to have the story in the paper about the history and the plans to install it at the airport. Donation information will be included in the story. Alan will submit the form to the FAA along with a planned work schedule. Chris will have one of his engineers work on the plans for the foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 0915

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday 7 June, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

7 June 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Dave Iuliano, Bob Salls, Carl Bandert and Chris Kneppers on the phone.

Jon reported fuel sales for May were 2582 gallons, we seem to be doing very well with our current price. Ash reported we are over double our 2021 sales. The fuel filters have been changed and the inspection completed. We want to keep up the good work. The weights and measures testing was also completed and minor adjustments made. So, we should be good for the next year.

Jon reported that the Port-a-potty has been working fine, but some pilots/passengers have not walked to the parking lot and have left deposits behind the fuel tank. Some members felt that the potty should be moved to the fuel farm. When we first had the potty installed town's people complained that they could not use it as it was inside the fence and we moved it to the parking lot. Some, others felt we should have two units, one at the fuel farm and the other in the parking lot where it is now.

Bryan has work on the procces for updating the FAA data base with little progress. He will talk to Mark to try to make sense of the information.

NOTAM's have been posted for our three-day runway shutdown starting today.

The paper company had a shut down but ran short of time to move the beacon/tower. They will make time to complete the move as soon as they can. We talked about the need for funds as soon as it is moved so we can get started on the reconstruction work. Terry will get going on that this week.

Fill dirt has been dumped inside the fence and Dave talked to town road dept. to push it over the bank and clean up the area. Dave mentioned that some dirty fill has been left outside the fence, not by highway. They will remove the metal from that area.

Meeting adjourned at 0915

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday 5 July, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

6 July 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mark Wright, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Bob Salls, Laura Jarvis and Chris Kneppers .

Jon reported fuel sales for June were 4,346 gallons, we ran out of fuel on Wednesday and had placed an order on Monday which arrived on Friday. The price was adjusted up to \$6.75. A discussion followed on how we add the new price to the on-line listings. Bryan will do this task for us. We will have to keep a close watch on the fuel level for the summer as we don't want to run out again.

Jon asked about a second port-a-potty for the fuel farm area following up on a discussion from last month. It was decided to put a sign at the fuel farm to please use the port-a-potty at the entrance gate

Work is proceeding slowly on the night landing approach; you might say we are still in the dark on the problem.

The lights from the top of the tower have been removed and stored in a secret location. The main section of the tower has been relocated to the airport next to the driveway. The base is still at the paper company and they are welding the new base brackets to the base and then it will be moved to the airport. The final location has been staked and Alan will notify the FAA of that spot, when they give us the approval, we will then be able to install the foundation. Research has been done on the original paint used for the tower and we plan to paint it to match the original pattern. Terry gave an update on news articles about the tower and fund-raising ideas. We are hopping to raise \$10K to cover the entire cost of the relocation and improvements to the new site. He will be taking the mounting bolts to the base makers for them to install in the foundation cement.

Fill dirt is being dumped inside the fence and pushed into place as needed.

It was noted that we do not have a suitable location for an Automated Weather Advisory System on the current airport grounds.

Jon announced that if anyone would like to become the new note taker for the team, he would be happy to show them the ropes.

Meeting adjourned at 0902

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday 2 August, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

2 August 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mark Wright, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Bob Salls, Alan Dunsmore, Ash Alexander, Carl Bangert, Donny Kudrick and Gary Vosburg.

Jon reported fuel sales for June were 6,630 gallons, our second delivery of the month was on Saturday. The price was left at \$6.75, but will be adjusted as needed.

Jon is still working on the port-a-potty sign for the fuel farm.

Work is proceeding slowly on the night landing approach, but the FAA is going to go to a new airport management system for updating airport information. More to follow.

Alan has completed the layout for the tower location and it will be sent to the FAA and as soon as they approve it, we will start digging the foundation holes. Dave will pick up the cement foundations and bring them to the site this week. Paint is in the process of being purchased and cleaning of the base and light units will be completed soon. Terry gave an update on the fund raising to date.

Our fuel test bucket was found full of trash, it was decided to keep the bucket in the hanger with the clipboard.

Wasp nests were located in the fuel pump area and will be sprayed later today. Please keep a watch for any new wasp activity.

Bryan has located a minor leak and has scheduled repairs to be made.

Donny mentioned that there are cheaper weather information systems which may meet our needs with out the cost of other units.

Ash mentioned that the crew doing grass cutting around the runway lights is doing a good job. He has ordered additional needed parts for the runway lighting system.

Meeting adjourned at 0856

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 6 September, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna



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7 September 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mark Wright, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Bob Salls, Alan Dunsmore, Ash Alexander, Dave Iuliano, Carl Bangert and Gary Vosburg.

Jon reported fuel sales for August were 4713 gallons. Ash reported that we expected 6,000 gallons later today. We plan to lower our sale price to \$5.95. What a great deal, tell all your pilot friends! Bryan reported that the leak has been repaired.

We had a discussion about the budget and that the town is currently working on it.

We then talked about who can do the weed control of the airport, Bryan will follow up on this.

Jon is still working on the port-a-potty sign for the fuel farm.

Work is proceeding on the night landing approach; the new FAA system is up and Ash and Bryan will be working on how to use it.

The tower update, the paperwork was sent to the FAA but now that the new computer system is working, we will have to reapply using the new system. Dave Woods picked up the cement bases and they are at the work site. The base has been welded into place. The paint and primer have arrived and Terry will coordinate a date for a work party to prep the tower and get the primer on the aluminum portions. Then get all the painting completed. The original building, that was located next to the tower has been located and the current owner is willing to donate it to the town. It was looked at and it will need a new foundation to stand on. This will be worked on after the FAA tower approval is received. There is an old obstruction light that is on the top of Mount Defiance, the base has collapsed but the light should still be there. A team will scout out the condition and report back to the board their findings.

Ash mentioned that the crew doing grass cutting around the runway lights is doing a good job. He has ordered additional needed parts for the runway lighting system.

Meeting adjourned at 0908

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 4 October, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

4 October 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mark Wright, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Terry Smith, Alan Densmore, Ash Alexander, Chris Kneppers. Carl Bangert and Gary Vosburg.

Jon reported fuel sales for September were 3,993 gallons. Ash reported that we have about half a tank now and we are still the lowest price in the area.

Work is proceeding on the night landing approach; the new FAA system is up and Bryan looked into it but did not locate the location that we need. Mark gave him an idea of how to get to the area we need to input our data.

The tower update, the FAA request needs to be input into the new computer system, so this will be done at the same time the night landing information will be done. Dave reported that the tower has been prepped for paint. Alan will mark out each section for the different colors. Terry will work on getting the painter on site for the application of the paint. A work party will be set up to prime and paint the light housings. Then all will be ready for digging the holes.

Bryan mentioned that one of the runway lights was not working, Ash will follow up on it.

Meeting adjourned at 0847

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 1 November, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

## **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

2 November 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were Mark Wright, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Bob Salls, Alan Dunsmore, Ash Alexander and Bill Murray.

Jon reported fuel sales for October were 4,042 gallons. Ash reported that we received 6,500 gallons at the end of last month. We plan to leave our sale price at \$5.95. There is a problem with one of the valves and Ash will look into fixing this.

We had a discussion on vendors and job bidding requirements.

Bryan reported that he has found the location in the FAA data base system to make updates of the trees that have been removed, with this information we should be getting cleared for night landing approaches again.

The tower update, still no reply from the FAA on our request to install the tower. The tower has been painted and all are encouraged to take a look at it. The light bases have also been cleaned, primed and painted. So that portion has been completed. Discussion on how best to pick up the tower and when the lights should be mounted, more to follow on this topic. We plan to cover the building for the winter and work on the paper work portion at this time. When the weather turns to spring, we should have everything ready to start the reconstruction and move the building next to the tower.

Bill Murray has an interest in building an additional hanger on the airport. All agreed that that would be a fantastic addition, but there are some obstacles which need to be cleared. A discussion followed. One question that was asked is if we have a waiting list of pilots that would be interested in renting a hanger space. several names were mentioned and Ash will start a list and talk to any interested parties.

Meeting adjourned at 0908

The December meeting has been canceled.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 3 January 2023, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna