

**MINUTES**  
**Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**May 18, 2015**

- Meeting called to order at 10:02.
- The committee accepted the January 2015 meeting minutes.
- *Action item: Some meeting minutes are missing from the website. Stacie will look into making sure those get posted.*
  
- **MaineDOT Updates:**
  - LD 527-an act to repeal outdated agriculture (crop dusting) laws – MaineDOT does not need to approve.
  - LD217-multiomodal facility. This bill is dead.
  - LD 901-Infrastructure funding. This bill is dead.
  - LD 1411-Will be re-visited with MABA. Mike will send a note to AOPA regarding specific details.
  
- Crack sealing grant was submitted-Will begin with Waterville airport. Jackman, Lincoln, Millinocket and Pittsfield are others that will benefit.
- Web Page- MaineDOT is working on revamping the web page.
- Scott Wardwell asked if a retroreflectometer, the tool that checks paint on runways, is being purchased to be used on the new ARAN vehicle. The Department does not plan to purchase one at this time. There are hand-held units that could possibly be borrowed from MaineDOT's Traffic Section. *Action item: Tim is looking into this.*
- It was mentioned that if you paint lines a certain way it will last longer, but there are still reflectivity issues due to pock marks in pavement from weather. Presque Isle's airport manager has a concern about pavement markings lasting even a year. There is a congressional mandate concerning this and if he can't get more than a year out of his paint markings, he will look into relief from these regulations. Scott mentioned that NASAO is looking for problem statements, so he asked that anyone who has these kinds of concerns, please send him an email at [scott.rollins@maine.gov](mailto:scott.rollins@maine.gov).
- Annual Report-this is the first year MaineDOT has done an annual report and this time aviation was not included, but will be next time. The report talks about performance measures.
- Transportation Conference-ASCE Report card-every 4 years-Scott Rollins, who is the head of the Outreach Office in the Bureau of Planning, presented Talking Transportation meetings. 41 meetings were held in 21 locations from Fort Kent to

York, Jackman to Calais, and locations in between. Scott handed out brochures describing the Outreach Office, and introducing the members of that office. There was a survey done by this office and when asked how satisfied people are with the whole transportation system, they responded that they were satisfied with the airports and very satisfied with plowing of roads.

- There was a question as to why there is a State Aid Road in an Urban Compact area and the answer is that the best way to get this corrected is to talk with the regional office or to contact Fred Michaud directly in our office at 624-3279.
- Model Airplanes-a long and in-depth discussion regarding large model airplanes interfering with commercial jets and other regular airplanes took place. Rick Lanman told of a happening whereby a TCAS (traffic collision avoidance system) went off and the plane had to abort landing-this was caused by a model airplane.
- Docket #FAA-2014-0396-Interpretation of Special Rules for Model Aircraft. Model aircraft is not supposed to be flown within 5 miles of designated airspace. As a state, what can be done to enforce this rule?
- *Action: Rick Lanman will research what other states have done about this issue.*
- Lisa mentioned the aviation forum at Owls' Head Transportation Museum that gets together to talk about what is going on at airports, what there is for clubs, etc.
- AWOS is going to be offline for a while as being modified.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 P.M.

Agenda items for next meeting:

1. MET Tower
2. UAVs