

## Middlebury Airport Communications Updates

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Purpose: Enhancing communications between the Agency of Transportation, Town of Middlebury Selectboard, airport businesses and users, airport neighbors and the general public to assure regular, centralized communications to highlight news, events, issues and opportunities and to reduce miscommunications between all parties.

Formalizing the communications process: Share routine communications, which shall be prepared by the Agency and the Selectboard Airport Representative (currently Nick Artim), and posted on a monthly basis, including

- Status of current major activities at the airport (permitting, planning, construction of major projects)
- Planned maintenance which would be of a significant nature (minor construction maintenance projects that the public would take note of, maintenance of obstruction zones (tree trimming), spraying of fence perimeter, line stripping of runway, etc.)
- Notice of any pending permits
- Notice of events occurring at the airport
- Questions and concerns section reflecting inquiries received by the Agency in the prior month.
- Monthly updates will be posted to the Town of Middlebury Website and the VTrans Middlebury Airport Website

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### Master Hangar Act 250 Permitting Process ([Permit Application # 9A0158-12](#))

The public hearing was held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the hearing is still in recess.

Contact Information for Josh for all Act 250 related questions:

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**Other Private Act 250 Permits Issued/Pending at Middlebury Airport – None Pending**

### Master Plan Process

The Public Meeting on the Final Draft Plan was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Middlebury Town Municipal Building.

The Agency of Transportation (AOT) is receiving comments on the final draft master plan report until **January 20, 2023**.

The public may submit comments to AOT via  
[AOT.RailAviationProjectDeliveryFolders@vermont.gov](mailto:AOT.RailAviationProjectDeliveryFolders@vermont.gov).

Final plan documents will be revised by AOT by the end of the Winter and include the public's comments. The FAA will then provide its comments/concurrence of the Airport Master & Layout Plan. The Vermont Secretary of Transportation will approve the final version of the Master Plan following FAA input.

The plan is expected to be finalized in early Spring 2023.

### **On Airport Planned Activities for the coming month(s)**

1. Winter/Fall Tree Trimming - VTrans will be completing the activities authorized through Act 250 Permit 9A-0158-11. This will involve selective cutting of trees not included in the area wide cut undertaken earlier in 2022. Cutting may begin as soon as late January and run into February.

Details can be found at this link:

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/ANR/Act250/Details.aspx?Num=9A0158-11>

2. Fuel Farm Replacement - The process of designing a replacement fuel farm is underway. A temporary fuel truck has been positioned at the airport and training of staff who will be managing fuel distribution will take place in the next couple of weeks. The anticipation is that fuel will be available later in January.

### **Aircraft Noise & Flight Related Complaints**

The FAA contact information for aircraft noise and flight related complaints can be found here: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/noise\\_emissions/noise\\_complaints](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/noise_emissions/noise_complaints) or you may contact the FAA at 202-267-3521.

### **If you have questions or suggestions, please contact:**

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