

March 10, 2009: Press Release: Airport Public Advisory Committee (APAC) Vacancy

The Airport Public Advisory Committee (APAC) is designed to provide a real and visible link between the mid-coast communities, the airport manager and the County. The nine-seat committee was specifically tasked to facilitate airport communications flow, to and from local communities and citizens, as well as provide aviation, environmental and business advice for airport management. Committee members are appointed to the nine seats, with staggered terms. The terms for the District #3 seat (representing Appleton, Camden, Hope, Isle Au Haut, Matinicus Isle Plantation, North Haven, Union, Vinalhaven, and Washington), the Environmental seat (representing the County-at-Large) and the Business seat (representing business in general and specifically local chambers) expire this year. The County Commission will fill these seats, for three-year terms, during the April 14, 2009 County Commission meeting.

The APAC has already called for nominations and those nominations should be sent to the Airport Manager, Jeff Northgraves (airport@knoxcounty.midcoast.com) or any current member of the APAC by March 20, 2009. The APAC will compile these nominations and provide recommendations to the County Commission. Citizens interested in becoming a member of the APAC should notify their town office as soon as possible, but prior to March 19, 2009. In addition, any citizen may also submit their interest directly to any of the three Commissioners or the County Administrator, prior to April 9, 2009.

The APAC normally meets the second Monday of each month, in the airport manager's office, at 5:00 p.m. There are two standing sub-committees (Environmental/Public Relations and Operations/Maintenance) which meet on an as needed basis. All these meetings are open to the public and anybody interested in attending any meeting or serving on one of the sub-committees should contact the airport manager or one of the APAC members:

District #1 Seat: Gray Smith, South Thomaston (term expires: 2010)

District #2 Seat: Dick Lachance, St. George (term expires: 2011)

District #3 Seat: Jim Kirstead, Camden (term expires: 2009)

Environmental Seat: Kathy Allain, Owls Head (term expires: 2009)

Nearby Citizens Seat: John Kosnow, South Thomaston (term expires: 2011)

Business Seat: Bill Maddox, Rockland (term expires: 2009)

Airport Business Seat: John Newcomb, St. George (term expires: 2011)

Flying Club Seat: Rene Hebert, Rockport (term expires: 2010)

Commercial Pilot: Kevin Waters, South Thomaston (term expires: 2010)