



Dear Supporting Community:

The Mount Washington Regional Airport is owned by the Town of Whitefield, and it is administrated and operated by the Mount Washington Regional Airport Commission. The Commission is comprised of volunteers who represent the member communities of Dalton, Lancaster, Littleton, Franconia, Sugar Hill and Whitefield. In 2015, the member communities contribute in the form of town appropriations to support the Airport.

The Commission continues to improve the Airport’s annual budget management system. We hired a part-time bookkeeper to maintain our accounting system, and we added several new accounts to our system to better identify the Airport’s expenses and sources of revenue. We also created new accounts for the aviation fuel system to identify the value of the aviation fuel inventory and the cost of goods sold. These improvements will be helpful in managing the revenues and expenses necessary to maintain and operate the Airport safely.

In addition to aviation fuel sales, airport revenue is generated in the form of fees paid by local businesses and individuals who use the Airport to provide services to their local customers such as: rental vehicles, taxis, vending machines, and aircraft mechanical services. In 2015, the Airport raised \$8754.00 from airport-user aviation fees and \$5175.00 in donations to date from pilots.

The Airport continues to be a base for the Civil Air Patrol and medical helicopter operations as well as for “Angel Flight” which (through locally based pilots) provides free, non-emergency medical flights to patients in need. The Airport is a valuable asset for the North Country Region and one of which your community should be proud.

We hosted many visitors such as powered parachute enthusiasts, business and leisure travelers, and second-home owners, all of whom bring revenue to our local communities and area businesses. The Airport recorded 3,544 air traffic operations during 2015. These operations were associated with numerous business users, recreational pilots, and government users from New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Canada, and from across the Northeast USA.

2014 Air Traffic Activity Summary			
Business Activity	1,812	Whitefield	744
Littleton	318	Lancaster	186
Dalton	148	Sugar Hill	132
Twin Mountain	186	US Government & Military	101
Bethlehem	80	Franconia	61
Jefferson	41	Vermont	24
Canada	19	Maine	19
Angel Flights	4	Woodsville	11
Colebrook	12	Lisbon	5
Randolph	5	Pittsburg	8
Monroe	6	Stewartstown	2
Gorham	3	Lincoln	4

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In 2015, the Airport applied for and received \$59,400.00 in matching grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics (NHDOT) to conduct an airport improvement project. The primary purpose of the project is to enhance aviation safety at the Airport by Phase 1. Pavement Maintenance Project. Design and Bid, The project is currently underway and it is funded 96.63% by the FAA and NHDOT and 3.37% by the Airport. The Airport share of the project cost is \$2,970.00.

In 2016, the Airport will apply for Phase 2. Pavement Maintenance Project. Construction. and will receive \$150,000.00 in matching grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics (NHDOT) to conduct an airport improvement project. The primary purpose of the project is to enhance aviation safety at the Airport by Phase 2. The project will currently start in September 2016, and it is funded 96.63% by the FAA and NHDOT and 3.37% by the Airport. The Airport share of the project cost is \$7,500.00.

In 2015, the FAA completed construction on a new runway end identification light (REIL) system at no cost to the Airport. The project will replace the obsolete REIL system on Runway 28 and enhance safe landings during darkness and periods of reduced visibility. \$150,000.00.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue working to improve the safety and functionality of the Airport, which is a critical part of the North Country's transportation infrastructure. We will continue to fund the bulk of our ongoing operation through fuel sales, hangar leases, parking fees collected from transient pilots, and donations from businesses and individuals who recognize the value of this unique resource.

Through careful management, strong volunteer engagement, deferred maintenance, and steady but modest increases in revenues, we have been able to stabilize the Airport's operating and maintenance costs again this year, and there continues to be important work to be done in 2015.

The 2015 goals and objectives for the Mount Washington Regional Airport are:

- Educate the regional communities about the economic value of the Airport to their communities, and encourage their continued support.
- Encourage communities such as Bethlehem and Carroll to join the Commission.
- Encourage the public to attend meetings and inform themselves about the Airport.
- Educate the public about upcoming airport improvement projects and future plans for the Airport.
- Provide young people with the opportunity to learn about flying through aviation classes and rides with local pilots.
- Work with area resorts, hotels and businesses to increase recreational, leisure and business use of the Airport.
- Work with airport tenants to adjust leases and fees to generate income and to identify new sources of airport revenue.
- Maintain the Airport property and airspace by clearing trees and brush.
- Manage and control operating and maintenance expenses.

Commission meetings are open to the public and usually held on the last Tuesday of each month; you can check the meeting schedule by calling ahead. We encourage you to visit the Airport — either during our monthly meetings or when you're just out and about.

We appreciate your continued support of your airport.

Edward Stevens, Chairman/Airport Manager
Mount Washington Regional Airport Commission

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