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AIRPORT AWARDED FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS TO COMPLETE NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

Groundbreaking Planned Next Month

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HYANNIS – The Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission has voted to accept an additional \$1.99 million in federal stimulus funds to help pay for a new air traffic control tower at the Hyannis airport. When added to previously-received Federal Aviation Administration grants, the money brings total federal funding for the project to nearly \$6.7 million.

Design of the 85-foot tower, to be completely paid-for by the federal government, is now complete. Groundbreaking is being scheduled for mid July.

Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault told commissioners at their monthly meeting Tuesday that the supplementary funds will cover the cost of major security features required by the FAA.

In addition, he said, the grant will help the airport achieve LEED silver certification for the tower. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design designation, awarded by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council, verifies that a building was designed and built to meet high conservation standards. Breault said he believed the tower will be the Town of Barnstable’s first certified municipal structure.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to hire W. Allen Kealy of Mashpee as Clerk of the Works to oversee work on the tower and a new 35,000-foot passenger terminal.

Daniel W. Santos was unanimously re-elected chairman of the commission for 2010-2011; Donald E. Megathlin was re-elected vice chairman, and Robert O'Brien won another term as clerk.

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