

GDM

Gardner Municipal Airport

Commission Meeting Minutes

2/4/2026

Location: GDM - Gardner Municipal Airport
499 Airport Rd., Gardner, MA 01440
Meeting in Airport Lounge

Meeting Opened: 5:30pm

: James A. Wood, Chairman
Andy Guertin, Commissioner
Al Cosentino, Commissioner
Jackie Marks, Gale
Joel Rosenzweig, Jet Club
Isabel Davis, Manager
David Urquhart, Commissioner
Rodey Huff, Guest
Adam Tashjian, Jet Club

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes: 1/7/2026 Minutes were amended

New Snow Plowing team of Al Cosentino and Rodey Huff to this years snow removal, along with Manager Isabel Davis and Jim Wood. Approved - AC AG

Old Business:

Gales Associates, Inc.

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Obstruction Analysis:

Final comments on the CatEx were received during the Commission meeting on 1/7/2026. At that time, changes to the fence plan were requested to avoid the dirt road and other facilities behind the hangar area and push the fence line away from the area currently being used for glider setup. Gale made their requested revisions, which are being provided as part of this meeting package. Due to the changes to the fence plan, it must be passed before the CatEx can be finalized. Gale is requesting a vote from the Commission that the fence plan provided is considered final for the purposes of this project.

It should be noted that a survey of the fence line will be conducted as part of a future fence design and permitting project, which could impact the final fence location. At that time, the exact location of the fence line in relation to existing facilities will be determined. Additionally, it is likely that an archaeological survey and MHC coordination will be required as part of a future permitting process

Once Gale receives a response from MHC, we will update the CatEx document, circulate for signatures, and submit to FAA on behalf of the airport.

Vote to accept the fence plan as presented and submit it to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for review: Approve: Unanimous

Acquisition of Avigation Easement:

This information was reviewed with Mayor Nicholson on 2/3/2026. The mayor confirmed that he is in favor of the project and will allocate local share funding once FAA confirms the project is eligible for AIP reimbursement. Confirmation was received on 2/3/2026.

We can now schedule a scoping meeting between the Airport, FAA, MassDOT, and Gale.

Vegetation Management Plan:

As part of the permitting for future tree clearing, the Airport will need to comply with Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (WPA) Regulation. Airports can avoid the need for a variance under WPA rules ("Limited Project Status"), so long as they have an approved Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) in place. MassDOT has offered to fund the Airport's VMP at 100% state share and is looking to schedule a scoping meeting to get this project underway, provided the Airport wishes to move forward.

Airport Managers Report:

Guard Counts by Day for Month – No Report

Fuel Gallons: Pumped by Day for Month - 72 gallons = \$404.90

Expenditures for Month, Day and Budget Balance:

Templeton Light and Power:	\$1430.17
Pilot Lounge & Dominic:	\$1085.06
Airport Lighting:	\$223.88
Hafner – Heating Oil	\$568.28
-Diesel Fuel	\$549.90

Budget was \$12,000.00 for the year

New Business:

Jet Club representative presented a list of questions to discuss and review.

Annual Dues – pay period can vary for use and electronically submission.

Dues can be Annual (i.e.: \$2500.00 per year) + percentage of the gate at events.

What portion on the airport can they use for setup of equipment and club members to use and give good access to the north end of the runway on the east side of the airport.

Patrons can be kept separate from the Club who are flying by a line of popup tents and other barriers to keep observers from getting near the taxiway. The club stated they are more concerned during the week's operation with other hobbyists and regular aircraft use the airport for training. Aircraft can be controlled by an active air boss on site when the club is here.

Vote for Chairman of the Airport Commission: 2 Votes for Al Cosentino and 2 for Jim Wood - Tie Vote.

Al Cosentino stated he does not know who the Commissioners are:

James Wood, Commission Chairman

Andy Guertin, Commissioner

James Morrissey, Commissioner

Philip Morrissey, Commissioner
David Urquhart, Commissioner
Al Consentino, Commissioner

The meeting ended.

Adjourn Meeting: 6:45pm DU AC