

Taber Law Group Negotiates Settlement, Averts Lawsuit on \$165M Airport Expansion Case

Environmental Impact Assessment's Key Health and Safety Provisions Preserved

WARWICK, RI, May 22, 2012 - The City of Warwick, Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) have signed an agreement orchestrated by Taber Law Group, avoiding a \$165M lawsuit and green-lighting an expansion at T.F. Green Airport while alleviating many of the citizens' concerns regarding the proposed expansion.

The airport expansion, while backed by business and political leaders based on the projected 1,000 construction jobs, had been challenged by the City of Warwick based on concerns arising out of the environmental impact assessment performed by the Federal Aviation Administration. Steven M. Taber, principal at the [Taber Law Group](#), the environmental and aviation law firm representing the City of Warwick, had filed a Petition for Review on the City's behalf, but ultimately forged an agreement which garnered unanimous approval by the City Council and was sanctioned by the RIAC Board, Governor Lincoln Chafee and the FAA.

Mr. Taber expressed his satisfaction with the agreement, saying "I was extremely pleased to be able to bridge the interests of the City and the business community with this Memorandum of Understanding, and gratified to know that Warwick's citizens' health and safety will be protected by its provisions without the delays and costs of a lawsuit."

In addition to the construction jobs and the accompanying boost to the local economy, the proposed extension of the main runway to 8,700 feet will create taxiing space to support bi-coastal non-stop flights, opening the possibility of additional carriers at T.L. Green. The prospect of federal funding for the project further enhances its appeal as an economic boon. At the same time, the provisions of the agreement between the City and the airport solidify protections for the community even beyond the provisions of the original Environmental Impact Assessment.

About Taber Law Group

The [Taber Law Group](#) provides high quality, cost-effective aviation, airport development and environmental law representation. Owner and Founder Steven M. Taber has practiced environmental, aviation and airport development law for over 23 years, and is a former attorney/advisor with the Illinois Attorney General's office and the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as a former partner at a large Chicago law firm. Mr. Taber represents clients in Federal and State Court, in administrative actions, and in transactions related to environmental, aviation and airport development law matters. For more information, call (949) 735-8217 or email info@taberlaw.com

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