

INCIDENT: Emergency Plane Landing

DATE: April 21, 2007

TIME: 11:02 A.M.

LOCATION: Portsmouth Country Club(80 Country Club Ln)

Contact: Officer Wayne Young

At approximately 11:02 A.M. the Greenland Police Department received a call from a resident on Caswell Dr of a low flying plane. A short time later the Greenland Police Department along with the Greenland Fire Department were dispatched to the Portsmouth Country Club at 80 Country Club Ln for a plane in which made an emergency landing on the golf course. All emergency personnel responded and determined there were no personnel injuries and no damage to the plane. The plane was a six passenger Piper Comanche, which was being piloted by:

James Thornhill
Frankin, MA

A passenger on the plane was identified as James's wife:

Suzanne Thornhill

Preliminary investigation has revealed the plane took off from Mansfield Massachusetts prior to the emergency landing and the Thornhill's destination was Sanford Maine. It is believed the pilot lost oil pressure in the engine approximately three to four miles from Pease which caused the emergency landing at the Portsmouth Country Club.

The FAA was contacted and will be conducting their own investigation. Since there were no personnel injuries or damage to the plane, the FAA has released the plane back to James Thornhill.

The Portsmouth Country Club was open at the time of the emergency landing.

If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to call the Greenland Police Department at 431-4624.