

AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Schmidt, Chair; Barbara Martin, Secretary, Michael Andresino and Muna Killingback.

A motion was then made by Secretary Martin and seconded by Michael Andresino to allow the remote participation by telephone of committee members Sebastian Barbagallo and Jennifer Goonan. Each member present was polled and each voted their assent. Matt Crowley joined the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Members Absent: Cindy Christiansen, CAC Representative; David Godine and Chris Zambuto

Also Present: Irene Walczak, CAC Representative from Hyde Park and Skip Weinrebe orf 24 Robbins Street.

Irene Walczak spoke during Citizens Speak re: test 4 and problems with lack of data: Irene stated that despite repeated requests, there is a lack of goals, as well as a lack of metrics and no measurable criteria from Massport for the CAC even though metrics are supposed to be supplied monthly. Also lacking are metrics in the current SOP's for dwell and persist. Consultant being given data dumps from Massport so he will have to sift through data in order to analyze percentages by runway for dwell and persistence (no metrics) and because Massport is only giving runways used and number of planes, determinations cannot be made. Irene also stated that for those who reside under the 27 air traffic, measurements are at 60DB at night and 70DB by day. Measurement should be by level-weighted population with interruptions but this is not being done. Another issue that Irene addressed is that traffic controllers have no data as to which runways were used on prior shifts due to the scheduling of staff. Therefore they have no way to rotate the use of runways to avoid overuse (and overburdening) even though they said this should be done.

The minutes from the June 16th meeting were approved as amended. Corrections to the 4 runways information need to be made then redistributed to the committee.

A discussion of the ANAC goals then took place. Andy to distribute to committee members for comments prior to finalization. Matt Crowley commented that objectives and how to achieve committee goals are becoming confused and that the process is the path by which to achieve goals. Comments to be discussed at the next meeting.

Michael Andresino reported as the alternate CAC representative on a June 27th 2016 conference call. Participating on the call were Flavio Leo, Jose Masso, Terry English, Brian (Logan Airport tower representative), Irene Walczak, Darryl Pomicter, Cindy Christiansen, Michael Andresino and Wig Zamore. Boston was also represented.

Discussion involved the request for daily data on runway usage and information delivered in hourly increments. There was a lot of discussion on how Massport can be so constrained with their resources, relying on volunteers to analyze data. Also discussed was Massport's unwillingness to accept responsibility for being inadequate in their delivery of requested information – question as to whether or not this is due to incompetence or inadequacies.

Air Traffic Controller Brian asked for a ruling on the rotation of runways. Scenario of, "if this, then do that for next [x] hours". Milton charts given great credit. Darryl asked for Massport to provide similar charting – also would like more information on propeller plane air traffic.

Result of meeting was an e-mail asking for a vote of Test 4. Massport and FAA say test is unworkable – too much work before funding expires – Test 4 is weak – group slightly in favor as only point both agencies could agree to given time and funding deadlines. Milton's CAC representative voted yes as a vote to do something.

The next agenda item was an update by the Chair as to progress on the projects as outlined in the June 16th minutes. Suggestion that we have a representative from Milton's Health Department, perhaps Health Director, Caroline Kinsella, attend a future meeting to discuss the information she accessed from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

In preparation of the July 12th Board of Selectmen's meeting, the committee discussed a list of the committee's accomplishments over the past year. Some of those accomplishments were regular presentations on the committees' activities to the Selectmen, the December 3rd meeting with Congressmen Lynch and Capuano and follow-up letters to the meeting participants, ANAC presentation to Town Meeting, health study with BU students, contact with other national groups and sharing of best practices and last but not least the increased awareness of Milton's air traffic issues which has been enhanced by attention brought to it on the national level.

A discussion then followed as to a wish list from the committee to the Board of Selectmen. As Chair, Andy to discuss the need for IT support at the next Selectmen's meeting. Barbara informed the committee that a social media policy for the Town was going to be introduced within the next month and the Town is working on a new website. Question was asked if the airplane noise quick link button on the Town's website can be connected to the ANAC committee listing. Information on committee page to be reworked. The suggestion was made to have one of the Selectmen attend an ANAC meeting to discuss future possibilities of town wide communication for the collection and sharing of information.

The vortex generator letter will be drafted by Andy and presented at a Board of Selectmen's meeting. This letter should be single subject and address this one subject only. Jennifer suggested that the letter address the fact that airplane noise is a national issue and perhaps be circulated among other advocacy groups.

The last order of proposed meeting dates of July 25 or July 27th. Barbara to circulate e-mail to ask for availabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.