

AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday October 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Schmidt, Chair; Michael Andresino, Vice Chair; Cindy Christiansen, Logan and Massport CAC representative; David Godine; Sebastian Barbagallo; Muna Killingback; and Matt Crowley.

Members Absent: Barbara Martin, Jennifer Goonan

The Committee reviewed and revised its draft goals to provide clarity as to what the Committee seeks to accomplish. In short, the goal of the committee is to reduce the number of planes passing over Milton given that the town receives more than its fair share. Additionally, the planes that remain must:

1. Fly at a higher altitude
2. Be more spread out (greater dispersion)
3. Not fly during nighttime hours 10pm to 6am
4. Be distributed fairly over evenings, weekends and holidays across communities
5. Be equipped with the flow deflector (vortex generator) to reduce the noise
6. Be required to follow a continuous descent approach
7. Be required to not turn before the NABBO waypoint (and equivalent point for 4L)
8. Be required to maintain a steady course on their way to Logan

Chairman Schmidt brought the Committee up to date on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Massport and the FAA. Of note: the MOU is in draft form and Milton was neither informed of the MOU nor involved in its drafting. Schmidt also addressed the recent meeting with American Airlines regarding vortex generators and the hiring of Rebecca McPherson of Jones Day to advise the Board of Selectmen.

Sebastian Barbagallo shared his review of the Runway 27 usage information, which indicated that Runway 27 was used before 7 am more often than not during the period reviewed, contradicting the statements from the Logan Tower.

CAC Representative Cindy Christiansen reported that the FAA is still looking for funding for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for 4L. Additionally, the Logan CAC continues to have challenges in achieving a quorum as it pushes for a Runway Use Program. Other issues consist of LCAC Chair Daryl Pomicter's open question regarding actions that Massport is supposed to be taking, but isn't, including following PRAS given that it has not been superseded. Other issues being discussed at the LCAC include Level-Weighted Population. The Committee discussed whether a letter objecting to the use of level-weighted populations as a metric for allocating air traffic should be written, and Cindy will draft the letter, and may want support in terms of a literature search regarding the ethics of LWP.

The Election of Officers followed, with Schmidt and Martin being re-elected as Chairman and Secretary, respectively; Mike Andresino was elected Vice Chairman after discussion about retaining the role in the event the Chair is unable to attend/lead the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that Barbara Martin attend the MCAC Operations Subcommittees meetings for the purposes of recording the proceedings and sharing the results with the Town CAC representative, the BOS, and the Committee. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a noise study to be conducted in conjunction with the schools.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.