

AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 1, 2019

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Cronin Conference Room.

Members Present : Chairman, Andy Schmidt; Vice Chair, Michael Andresino; Secretary, Barbara Martin; Select Board Member, Katie Conlon; David Godine; Muna Killingback and Jenn Goonan

Members Absent: Select Board Member, Mike Zullas , Matt Crowley, and Chris Zeien

A lively discussion regarding communication between the Select Board and the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee for the past few months was the first agenda item to be discussed. Included in this discussion was how future procedure between the Board and the committee should be handled and how procedure, or lack thereof, affects communication. Committee members stated that airplane issues that affect the Town should be vetted through the ANAC .

Questions were asked of Select Board member Conlon as to how the Town will direct the newly appointed MCAC Representative and how communication will flow between the Select Board, the MCAC Representative and the ANAC. During this discussion period, frustration was also expressed about fairness of air traffic distribution that has been an ongoing concern for Milton for twenty plus years. Committee member Martin proposed that an individual be appointed by the Town whose sole responsibility would be to promote resolution of Milton's air traffic issue. A memo detailing further thoughts on this idea will be forwarded to committee members under a separate cover. Ms. Conlon stated that presently, the Town's focus is being directed to the MIT study.

In his report, Chairman Schmidt thanked the committee members for their feedback on the letter being sent to the MCAC. Chairman Schmidt also reported his recent interactions with Massport indicate that the Noise Abatement Office is not researching complaints accurately as there have been a number of errors, omissions, and misstatements in the noise complaint responses. Milton is one of a few communities that are affected by Logan jet traffic on parallel runways and the Town needs to continue to articulate that the 4s are unique to Milton and Dorchester. Committee member Killingback suggested periodic SWOT reviews (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) which are similar to reviews performed for non-profit organizations.

Chairman Schmidt distributed a printout to the committee outlining information about air quality monitors. The document lists links to websites relating to this subject. A short video produced by Olin College of Engineering was shown to the committee. Select Board member Conlon reported that the Select Board voted to appropriate up to ten thousand dollars to purchase air quality monitors. A motion was made by Chairman Schmidt and seconded by David Godine to support the requisition of year end funds for the acquisition of air quality monitors as presented to the ANAC. The vote to support this purchase was unanimous.

The next meeting date is July 22, 2019 and it was further suggested that the committee meet monthly. It was also recommended that the newly appointed MCAC Representative be invited to meet with the committee at its next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:21 p.m. by Chairman Schmidt and seconded by Mike Andresino. The vote was unanimous.