AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2019

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Cronin Conference Room.

Members Present: Chairman, Andy Schmidt; Vice Chair, Michael Andresino; Secretary, Barbara Martin; Select Board Member Mike Zullas; Jenn Goonan; Muna Killingback and David Godine. Member Matt Crowley joined the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and Select Board Member Conlon joined the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Members Absent: Chris Zeien

Also present: Milton’s MCAC Representative Thomas Dougherty and Milton residents Cindy Christiansen, Suzanne Knight and Phil Johenning.

Prior to Citizens Speak, Select Board member Zullas asked the ANAC members for their consent to have the meeting recorded as requested by Cindy Christiansen. The vote to consent was unanimous.

At Citizens Speak, Mr. Johenning requested that the 2002 Record of Decision be reexamined in order to see if there is a statute of limitations on it. Mr. Johenning also requested that the Town of Milton investigate if it has claims due to promises made in this document. Additionally, he requested that commitments made by Massport and the FAA regarding a noise abatement proposal be enforced otherwise, in Mr. Johnenning’s opinion, there is no purpose to the Block II portion of the MIT study.

Cindy Christiansen also spoke during Citizens Speak and discussed some of the work she is performing in conjunction with Congressional Delegates. Dr. Christiansen also discussed work on the FAA Noise Survey, and provided a document with details outlining this work for the record.

Chairman Schmidt asked the Town’s recently appointed MCAC Representative, Thomas Dougherty, to join the committee and to introduce himself, after which Representative Dougherty gave a brief outline of the work he has performed during his appointment, particularly with regard to GPS and RNAV paths. Mr. Dougherty, expressed his displeasure with the work of the committee and certain of its members, including the Chairman, and then abruptly exited the meeting, without taking questions, at 7:48 p.m.

Michael Andresino, once again, asked the Select Board members how they will direct and oversee the efforts of the MCAC Representative. Mr. Andresino also made the observation that the ANAC has no oversight of this position. The response to this question was that the MCAC Representative reports to the Select Board.

After a brief discussion, the July 1st, 2019 meeting minutes were amended and the vote to approve was seven yea’s with two abstentions. After the vote, Member Killingback excused herself from the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Agenda item #5 was introduced by committee member Martin who outlined her proposal for an ‘Airplane Advocate’ position and the responsibilities associated with this position. Member Andresino said that the only reason not to go forward with this proposal would be funding. Members’ comments
on the proposal should be forwarded to Chairman Schmidt for discussion at the next ANAC meeting after which the proposal would evolve into a job description and then be referred to the Select Board. Agenda item #6 was deferred to the next ANAC meeting.

During his report, Chairman Schmidt informed the committee that an East Boston company has given the Town a proposal for the purchase of an air quality monitor which has a noise recording capability. The monitor will take four months to build and due to the cost, the Town is only able to purchase one at this time. Ideally, the Town should have six to eight monitors (one pair for each runway affecting Milton) but that number is limited by the expense. A discussion then took place about possible grants and other means by which to obtain funds for the purchase of additional monitors and that could also include funding for the Airplane Advocate position.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:52 p.m. by Chairman Schmidt and seconded by Select Member Conlon. The vote was unanimous.