

AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Cronin Conference Room.

Members Present: Chairman Andy Schmidt; Vice Chairman Michael Andresino; Secretary Barbara Martin; MCAC Representative Cindy Christiansen; Select Board member Mike Zullas; Chris Zeien; Jennifer Goonan and David Godine.

Certain other members joined the meeting in progress, as noted below.

Members Absent: Matt Crowley

Chairman Schmidt began his report to the committee by distributing a runway use report detailing runway usage for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Numbers highlighted in red and green note changes in the increase/decrease of volume. The report also details noise complaints made to Massport registered by Milton residents and by all other communities combined. Chairman Schmidt also reported that he has once again reached out to the Board of Health in order to initiate a discussion of how the two boards can collaborate on the effects of excessive air traffic over the Town of Milton.

With the committee's consent, agenda item #6 on future actions plans was moved forward for discussion. Mr. Schmidt feels that the assistance of the Select Board is needed to promote a solution to the air traffic problem. Select Board member Zullas suggested a joint meeting of Select Board members, ANAC members and members of the Board of Health be scheduled sometime within the near future. Mr. Zullas also suggested that Chairman Schmidt draft a letter requesting such a meeting to advance discussions.

During this discussion period, both committee member Sebastian Barbagallo (7:24 p.m.) and Select Board member Katie Conlon (7:31 p.m.) joined the meeting .

Suggestions for future action plans, e.g. placement of noise monitors, as well as the future plans of the committee were discussed. Ideas of a second community forum, partnering with the School Committee along with assistance of BU graduate students who would volunteer to help with noise monitoring data were all discussed.

Vice Chairman Andresino reported that no communication has been received as a result of the Town's membership in N.O.I.S.E. Mr. Andresino doesn't feel that this organization is helpful to smaller communities. Mr. Andresino has concluded that N.O.I.S.E. doesn't see itself as a resource to help communities like Milton and advised that the Town not renew its subscription. Committee member Goonan agreed and suggested that the resources devoted to this membership might be better utilized for other purposes, e.g. soil testing. For the next ANAC meeting, members Goonan and Schmidt will draft a letter to the Board of Health requesting a consensus report on the health impacts of night flights and noise. Requests for related information from federal agencies was also suggested. During this discussion, member Muna Killingback joined the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

MCAC Representative Christiansen reported on nuances of the MIT Study and topics that she feels should be included in this report. Requests for certain data have not been responded to. Subjects that Representative Christiansen feels should be included in this report are hours of use, data for go-a-rounds, flight monitor data and reporting issues that reveal data discrepancies which impact abutting communities. Other request for information from other agencies has to date, not yet been fulfilled. Comments that committee members would like included in the MCAC aviation subcommittee report for the March MCAC meeting should be forwarded to Ms. Christiansen by February 14th.

It was also suggested that at the next ANAC meeting, a strategic planning session take place in response to lack of response and actions by government agencies and that a list of “asks” be formulated.

Select Board member Zullas reported that he has and will be contacting other states officials to discuss action plans but this is being acted on individually. Most elected officials believe that the problems associated with air traffic are a federal government issue.

February 11, 12 and 13 are dates suggested for the next ANAC meeting.

At 9:18 p.m. David Godine made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cindy Christiansen and was unanimously voted.