

Airplane Noise Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Members present: Andy Schmidt, Chair; Jenn Goonan, Co-chair; Barbara Martin, Secretary; David Godine; Sebastian Barbagallo, Cindy Christiansen, CAC Representative; Michael Andresino; Matt Crowley and Muna Killingback.

Also in Attendance: Irene Walczak, Hyde Park CAC Representative and Milton residents Tara Withington Patrick Donovan.

Absent: Chris Zambuto

The first agenda was Citizens Speak – Tara Withington, a resident of Ford Ranch Road, addressed the committee with hers and her family's concerns re: excessive airplane traffic and related noise and possible health issues. She has noted a marked increase in air traffic within the past two years, particularly since the Spring of 2015, and has written to both John Murphy and Congressman Lynch. She is looking for a fair distribution of air traffic and wanted her objections to the constant air traffic noted.

The approval of minutes from the February 25, 2016 meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

The next order of business was a report from Dr. Christiansen, Milton's CAC representative. She reported that:

- the next CAC meeting is April 13th and she is unable to attend the meeting as is Milton's alternate representative. She will investigate whether or not she can have a proxy vote at the meeting. The vote to be taken is decide whether or not to reduce 5% of runway 4's traffic but does know what the starting value is with which to measure the 5%.
- Vote would also approve equalizing the runway 27 and 33 departures which would increase air traffic on runway 27 and work against Milton.
- Massport has hired a consultant, Declan Boland, who was a CAC representative from Hingham, to work as a liaison between Massport and the CAC representatives but specifics of a role are as yet undefined.
- Dr. Christiansen also suggested that Mr. Boland be invited to a future meeting of the ANAC along with Milton's Board of Selectmen.
- Dr. Christiansen also reported as Milton's Massport CAC representative that in May, Massport will be hosting a three hour education session – representatives will be able to visit the control towers.

The next agenda item was and update on the BUSPH study. BU has supplied the instruments to conduct the study (no cost to Milton). The project is on target for completion with one more week to work. There were fifty plus volunteers for the study and the locations were anonymous. The suggestion was made to invite the BU students to a future ANAC meeting. The presentation to the BU class is May 5th.

Further, in order to continue the study, it would require funding. It was suggested that the Board of Health could reach out to the Mass Department of Health for recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for future funding of a future study. Perhaps a permanent study could be created.

Committee members reported on the “to-do’s” assigned from the previous meeting with Andy, Mike, Sebastian and Muna providing follow-ups.

As a follow-up on IOM (Institute of Medicine) agenda item, the suggestion was made to have a consensus paper written and that needed data for the independent study would be obtained as a request from Massport.

A sub-committee will be formed to create a Facebook page for the committee once the Town has published the social media policy. The ANAC feels it would be advantageous to have one repository of all related information.

A request will be made to have a report from the ANAC as an agenda item at the next Board of Selectmen’s meeting scheduled for April 11th. A sub-committee will meet on April 6th to craft a letter to present to the Selectmen along with request for follow-ups to previous correspondence sent to government agencies. Recommendations from the ANAC committee will also be presented at this time.

The next meeting of the ANAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.