

AIRPLANE NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2106

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Schmidt, Chair; Jenn Goonan, Co-Chair; Barbara Martin, Secretary;
Cindy Christiansen, CAC Representative; David Godine and Muna Killingback.

Also Present: Joan Falvey, CAC representative from Quincy; Irene Walczak, CAC representative from Hyde Park; and Sheryl Fleitman, Milton resident.

Absent: Michael Andresino, Sebastian Barbagallo, Matt Crowley and Chris Zambuto

At citizens speak, Sheryl Fleitman, a Milton resident, spoke to address the extreme amount of air traffic. Ms. Fleitman noted that airplane traffic is not adhering to patterns dictated by wind direction – traffic is platooning with planes traveling on alternating paths resulting in no relief. Also discussed was the low altitudes at which planes are travelling.

Irene W. discussed glide slope and rates of descent (rate of descent lower than glide slope). Irene also informed the group that an air traffic controller was present at a CAC meeting. Descents with regard to glide slopes and landing patterns were discussed indicating decisions being made to increase air traffic. Ms. Walczak also discussed that Senator Warren's legislation, in its present form, is not purposeful, that Terry English is not responding to letters until after decisions have been made and, that early morning flights are not showing on flight monitors as transponders have been turned off (flight then not recorded on monitor).

Meeting minutes from February 25 and April 7th were approved and the minutes from the March 29th were approved as amended.

Jenn gave a re-cap of the presentation given on behalf of the committee to the Board of Selectmen on April 11th.

A summary of the presentation is as follows:

- *Board of Selectmen appreciative of committee's work
- *Board wants to fast track the response to Senator Warren's legislation and have it ready for approval at the next BOS meeting.
- *ANAC to draft a letter on behalf of the Selectmen to be sent to airlines requesting installation of vortex generators. Suggested that this letter be co-signed with other communities (Quincy, Hull and Hyde Park suggested) and local advocacy groups. Comment that the vortex generator offers a positive approach to the subject of airplane noise.

There is no update on the Executive Session scheduled with the Board of Selectmen as the meeting did not take place as originally scheduled.

Once written, the IOM letter could be co-signed by other communities. It will be edited by the ANAC and then presented to Selectman Conlon.

The next agenda item discussed was the re-cap of Michael Andresino's notes from the April 13th CAC meeting he attended. His notes were distributed among the committee members present.

Summary of his notes include:

- * 4R and 4L are Milton's #1 problem. 22 R flights now hitting Hull having been diverted from Milton.

Dave Carlon, Hull's CAC representative, said that the letter written by Milton's Board of Selectmen encouraged diverted traffic to "over the water" which hurts the Town of Hull although this was discussed and recommended at the December 3, 2015 meeting hosted by Congressman Lynch.

- * July is the targeted month for the proposed BLANS III Runway Test – a plan of action needs to be implemented by the Town in order to oppose this test. The Town needs to press for legal support and action needs to be taken very soon. Barbara to distribute Michael's notes to both the Town Administrator and the Selectmen and request that the ANAC be placed on the Selectmen's agenda for the April 28, 2016 meeting.

- * Request to be made of the newly elected Town Moderator for the ANAC to appear before Town Meeting to present data that the committee has generated and to highlight the work that is being done on behalf of the Town.

The review of NEPA was postponed as Matt Crowley was not present at this meeting.

Andy gave a brief update of meetings with elected officials:

- * Congressman Lynch attended the Milton Foundation for Education event and that Milton officials have upcoming meetings with both MASSPORT and the FAA. David Burnes is coordinating the meeting with both the State and Massport officials and the FAA reached out to the Town Administrator to schedule a meeting.

- * Andy also met with the Deputy Chief of Staff in Senator Warren's office during a recent visit to Washington DC. While there, he gave a sample vortex generator to the Senator's staff. The Senator's desire is to write a good bill – there are only 8 to 10 weeks left in Congress's session and wants to get the bill passed prior to end of session. Milton to have input in the bill's language. Cindy Christiansen to critique problems with proposed legislation, specifically with regard to ombuds, CATEX and DNL's.

- * Andy has a contact with the Deputy General Counsel to the EPA and will reach out at a future date.

Plans of action for letter writing is as follows with a 30 day timeline for completion:

- * Muna, Cindy and Andy to work on Senator Warren's legislation and submit to Board of Selectmen for review.

- * Jenn and Muna to partner on letter to US airlines requesting installation of vortex generators

- * Cindy to draft IOM letter

- * Letter of response to MASSPORT to be drafted by Cindy and Gene Brown.

Agenda item 10, the drafting of FAQ's, was deferred until the next meeting as the letter writing was determined as the priority.

The third week in May is being targeted as the next possible meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

