

Hanscom Field Advisory Commission
Minutes – 20 October 2020
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- **Call to Order:** HFAC Chairman Christopher Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- **Announcements:**
 - Chairman Eliot opened meeting and started recording; allowed Jennifer Boles to also record the Zoom meeting
 - Chairman Eliot offered encouragement to all to vote in the upcoming elections
 - Amber Goodspeed announced that MIT Lincoln Lab's Boeing 707 will be retired and no longer fly out of BED
 - Board Member Thomas Hirsch offered FAA Advisory Circular 91-36D, Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Flight Near Noise-Sensitive Areas, for everyone's perusal
- **Monthly Noise Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the September Noise Report and noted that:
 - In September 2020 as compared to September 2019:
 - 7am - 11pm operations decreased 17.4% in September 2020
 - Singles (including touch and goes) decreased 16.6% in September 2020
 - Turbo activity decreased 16.7% in September 2020
 - Jet operations decreased 30.7% in September 2020
 - Helicopter activity decreased 1.0% in September 2020
 - Noise disturbance reports increased from 214 in September 2019 to 314 in September 2020, made by 28 separate callers
- **Capital Programs and Third Party Development Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the Capital Programs and Third Party Development reports and noted that:
 - Vegetation Management will continue throughout the fall and into the winter
- **Citizen Comments:** Citizens commented on and/or asked about the following topics:
 - Concern about not receiving automated noise complaint responses
 - Inquiry about start date for truck traffic on Hartwell Road
 - Noise disturbances from early morning flights with blocked N Numbers
 - More repetitive overhead air traffic perceived by some Bedford residents in attendance
 - Added as agenda item for November to discuss notifying pilots of complaints
 - 15 Oct Boston Globe article and possible impacts on employees at Hanscom Field due to projected lower Massport revenue
- **Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services**
 - Reported by Amber Goodspeed that no interest has been expressed since the last HFAC meeting
- **Minutes:** The Board re-approved the February 2020 meeting minutes after noting change in the date from 2019 to 2020. The September 2020 meeting minutes were also approved with no amendments needed.
- **Other Business:** The proposed date for the next HFAC meeting is 17 November 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Attendees: Christopher Eliot, Emily Mitchell, Margaret Coppe, Thomas Hirsch, Anthony Gallagher, Amber Goodspeed, Mark Wimmer, Chris Boles, Jennifer Boles, Patty Dahlgren, George Demetriou and Amy McCoy