

Hanscom Field Advisory Commission
Minutes – 15 December 2020
Prepared by Massport Staff

TOWN CLERK
LEXINGTON MA

- **Call to Order:** HFAC Chairman Christopher Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- **Announcements:**
 - Chairman Eliot opened meeting and started recording; allowed Jennifer Boles to also record the Zoom meeting
 - Chairman Eliot provided insight on vaccine response and state of democracy
 - Amber Goodspeed presented the 2018 Annual Noise Report and noted that:
 - Total 2018 operations were down 5.4 percent compared to 2017
 - Singles decreased 12.2%
 - Jets increased 0.2%
 - Noise Exposure levels using the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) were 107.0 dB
 - Nighttime operations increased from 2,226 operations 2017 to 2,425 operations in 2018
 - Noise monitor measurements at the 6 monitoring sites changed in range from a decrease of 1.7 dB to an increase of 0.4 dB
- **Monthly Noise Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the November Noise Report and noted that:
In November 2020 as compared to November 2019:
 - 7am - 11pm operations decreased 7.8% in November 2020
 - Singles (including touch and goes) increased 5.0% in November 2020
 - Turbo activity decreased 31.1% in November 2020
 - Jet operations decreased 30.7% in November 2020
 - Helicopter activity decreased 4.3% in November 2020
 - Noise disturbance reports decreased from 259 in November 2019 to 219 in November 2020, made by 32 separate callers
- **Capital Programs and Third Party Development Reports:** Anthony Gallagher presented the Capital Programs and Third Party Development reports and noted that:
 - Vegetation Management completed outside of Massport property on Hartwell Avenue in Lexington and will continue on the Runway 29 end, and both sides within Massport property
 - Massport continues site survey and design work for the North T-Hangars
 - Survey work completed and construction of new Signature Flight Support facility will begin on March 1st
- **Citizen Comments:** Citizens commented on and/or asked about the following topics:
 - Continued discussion about closing the loop on 1 to 1 noise complaint responses
 - Pilot Letter template for overnight noise complaints presented by Anthony Gallagher of Massport
 - Representative Harrington would like Massport to use complaint data to prosecute offenders
 - Discussion about placing noise complaint limits in terms of Hanscom Field lease agreements
 - Board Member Mitchell announced no lead testing in Bedford; water supplied by MWRA
 - Chairman Eliot suggested best solution to lead in avgas was for federal government to approve substitute
 - Agenda item to discuss Chapter 8 in the ESPR deferred to January by vote of HFAC Board
- **Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services**
 - No interest was expressed at the HFAC meeting
- **Minutes:** The Board approved amendment to the October 2020 meeting minutes to add inquiry about daytime noise complaints in the Citizens Comments. The November meeting minutes approved as submitted.
- **Other Business:** The proposed date for the next HFAC meeting is 19 January 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attendees: Christopher Eliot, Emily Mitchell, Margaret Coppe, Thomas Hirsch, Anthony Gallagher, Amber Goodspeed, Mark Wimmer, Christen Allen, Chris Boles, Jennifer Boles, Cindy Christiansen, Gerard Crowe, Patty Dahlgren, Tammy Ford, Mark Gailus, Sheila Harrington, Gary Keller, Ann Leary, Bopha Malone, Amy McCoy, David McCoy, Heather Patterson, Katalin Winchell and Chris Young

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