

**Hanscom Field Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes – 16 March 2021**  
**Prepared by Massport Staff**

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- **Call to Order:** HFAC Chairman Christopher Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- **Announcements:**
  - Chairman Eliot opened meeting and promoted continued use of masks and urged everyone to get vaccinated
  - Emily Mitchell informed HFAC that she would depart at 7:25 p.m. due to a conflict with another meeting
  - Chairman Eliot and the Bedford Select Board have submitted comments to the FAA's Neighborhood Environmental Survey and Noise Research Portfolio - Docket No. FAA-2021-0037
- **Monthly Noise Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the February Noise Report and noted that:
  - In February 2021 as compared to February 2020:
  - 7am - 11pm operations decreased 28.0% in February 2021
  - Singles (including touch and goes) decreased 32.4% in February 2021
  - Turbo activity decreased 29.6% in February 2021
  - Jet operations decreased 26.2% in February 2021
  - Helicopter activity decreased 11.6% in February 2021
  - Noise disturbance reports decreased from 246 in Feb 2020 to 129 in Feb 2021, made by 17 separate callers
- **Capital Programs and Third Party Development Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the Capital Programs and Third Party Development reports and noted that:
  - Signature FBO Contractors have begun by fencing in the area and beginning ground work
  - Conceptual drawings of the future Signature FBO campus presented to the HFAC
- **Agenda Items:** Topics discussed on published agenda:
  - Emily Mitchell reported about Aviation Law discussion with Representative Ken Gordon
    - Federal Law governs aircraft in flight as well as conduct in the air
    - State Law governs ground landing sites
  - Discussion on the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) of 1990
  - Discussion on Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 90, Section 35
  - FBOs sell fuel at Hanscom Field and development of viable alternative needs to occur before changes considered
  - Proposed discussion of ESPR Chapter 11: Sustainability and Environmental Management and HFAC Commission Chair Selection
- **Citizen Comments:** Citizens commented on and/or asked about the following topics:
  - FAA will meet with elected officials and Massport before attending a HFAC meeting
  - Query about noise complaint reporting to the FAA
  - Request for lead test at end of runways at Hanscom Field
- **Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services**
  - No interest was expressed
- **Minutes:** The February 2021 meeting minutes were not available for review so deferred to the April HFAC meeting.
- **Other Business:** The proposed date for the next HFAC meeting is 20 April 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Attendees:** Christopher Eliot, Thomas Hirsch, Emily Mitchell, Amber Goodspeed, Michael Vatalaro, Mark Wimmer, Chris Boles, Jennifer Boles, Patty Dahlgren, Michael Davis, Amy McCoy, Daniel Szetala, Devan Wiebe and Katie Winchell