

**Hanscom Field Advisory Commission****Minutes – 21 December 2021****Prepared by Massport Staff**

Video of HFAC Meeting can be found on the **BEDFORD TV YouTube Channel**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpGZoHgJ7H08Lcm7aj90Gfw>

- **Call to Order:** HFAC Chairman Christopher Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- **Announcements:**
  - Chairman Eliot recording HFAC Meeting; welcomed all to 21 Dec meeting pursuant to Chapter 20 of Acts of 2021
  - Chairman Eliot started meeting with a brief description of the purpose of HFAC
    - HFAC purpose is primarily information sharing to people near Hanscom Field
  - Chairman Eliot gave link to track Santa
  - Chairman Eliot confirmed the Airnoise inventor will speak at the February HFAC meeting
  - Barbara Katzenberg asked for EXP explanation; Amber Goodspeed explained EXP is average noise exposure modeling tool from flight tracks that measures the changes in noise exposure
    - Thomas Hirsch added values are not acoustic decibels but calculated values
- **Minutes:** The November 2021 Meeting Minutes were reviewed for approval
  - The November 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously pending the following amendments:
    - Barbara Katzenberg pointed out that it should state “October” instead of “November in the Minutes section
    - Margaret Coppe asked to add answer to question in Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services section
- **Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services**
  - Amber Goodspeed responded there were no requests for scheduled passenger or cargo operations
  - Emily Mitchell asked additional question, “To the best of your knowledge, have there been any new carriers offering on demand charter service?”
    - Amber Goodspeed stated there has not been any interest as far as she was aware; no one is required to ask Massport for permission to run general aviation services since Hanscom Field is general aviation airport
  - Emily Mitchell also asked about Connect Air headquartered at Hanscom Field; do not fly in or out of BED
- **Monthly Noise Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the November Report and noted that:  
In November 2021 as compared to November 2020:
  - 7am - 11pm operations increased 18.3% in November 2021
  - Singles (including touch and goes) increased 0.4% in November 2021
  - Turbo activity increased 48.0% in November 2021
  - Jet operations increased 63.1% in November 2021
  - Helicopter activity increased 5.3% in November 2021
  - Night Operations (11pm-7am) increased from 123 in November 2020 to 208 in November 2021
  - Calendar year to date operations are down 4.0% in 2021 compared to 2019
  - Margaret Coppe would like to see a percentage change shown for Night Activity added
  - Emily Mitchell highlighted that even if discount residents making bulk of complaints, she is still alarmed at total
  - Barbara Katzenberg requested a footnote to explain EXP added to report
    - Thomas Hirsch posted in the chat a cut and pasted excerpt from the ESPR as an example
- **Capital Programs and Third Party Development Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the Capital Programs and Third Party Development reports and noted that:
  - Bid close date was 20 December for the North Airfield RFP; proposals under review through January
  - Working on appraisals for the land swap around the former Navy hangar; expected to be completed in winter 2022
  - Bid documents for construction of relocated T-Hangars in 2022 have been issued; permitting is in progress
    - Emily Mitchell queried about general timeline; Amber Goodspeed would inquire
  - Pavement maintenance will be performed on Taxiway R during the summer of 2022; not full rehabilitation
    - Emily Mitchell requested to see map view of Taxiway R; asked about crack sealing operations and trucks

- **Agenda Items:** Topics discussed on published agenda:
  - No substantive changes to Zoom protocols post Covid
    - Emily Mitchell informed that the State is still allowing virtual meetings through 1 April; expectation is to extend
- **Citizen Comments:** Citizens commented on and/or asked about the following topics:
  - Heather McCoy asked for follow-up on reporting daytime noise complaints to aircraft operators
    - Amber Goodspeed added that Massport does not forward daytime noise reports
- **Other Business:** The proposed date for the next HFAC meeting is 18 January 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Potential presentation of Annual Noise Report by Massport in January HFAC meeting
  - Discussion of Chapter 7: Noise of the ESRP will take place during the January HFAC meeting
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**Attendees:** Christopher Eliot, Margaret Coppe, Barbara Katzenberg, Thomas Hirsch, Emily Mitchell, Amber Goodspeed, Michael Vatalaro, Mark Wimmer, Patty Dahlgren, Lexie Marshall, Amy McCoy, Mike Rosenberg and Devan Wiebe

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