

Hanscom Field Advisory Commission

Minutes – 19 July 2022

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Video of HFAC Meeting on the Lincoln, MA Live Streams Page:

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- **Call to Order:** HFAC Chairman Christopher Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- **Announcements:**
 - Chairman Eliot recording HFAC Meeting; welcomed all to 19 July meeting pursuant to current law
 - Governor Baker signed law on 16 July extending expiration of Open Meeting Law to 31 March 2023
 - Chris McCann provided three years of Airnoise complaint data to Chairman Eliot; will discuss later in Agenda
 - Chairman Eliot shared question from a Lincoln news group about a weekly helicopter around 11:30pm to midnight
 - Flies over Old Concord Road in Lincoln; Amber Goodspeed will investigate possible aircraft
 - Chairman Eliot noted Annual State of Hanscom will be presented as part of the normal agenda for the meeting
- **Minutes:** The June 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed for approval
 - The June 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously with the following amendment:
 - Change to last name for Julie from “McCray” to “McCay” in the Attendees section
- **Cargo or Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services**
 - Chairman Eliot asked Massport the two questions about Cargo and Scheduled Commercial Passenger Services
 - Amber Goodspeed responded Massport has not been approached by heavy cargo or commercial scheduled passenger service
- **Monthly Noise Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the June Report and noted that:
In June 2022 as compared to June 2021:
 - 7am - 11pm operations decreased 6.7% in June 2022
 - Singles (including touch and goes) decreased 20.0% in June 2022
 - Turbo activity increased 16.2% in June 2022
 - Jet operations increased 20.1% in June 2022
 - Helicopter activity decreased 0.7% in June 2022
 - Night Operations (11pm-7am) increased from 210 in June 2021 to 270 in June 2022, a 28.6 % increase
 - Barbara Katzenberg questioned if US Open induced an increase in noise reports; charts show numbers
 - Chairman Eliot requested number of noise monitors be returned to the report on page six
- **Capital Programs and Third Party Development Reports:** Amber Goodspeed presented the Capital Programs and Third Party Development reports and noted that:
 - The Vegetation Management Plan was completed in July; all work completed in Jordan Conservation Area
 - Relocation of Salt Storage Shed has been funded for fiscal year 2024, work in second half of calendar year 2023
 - Ross Aviation has been acquired by Atlantic Aviation and construction is ongoing
 - T-Hangar relocation construction is scheduled to be completed in October of 2022; construction ongoing
 - Taxiway Romeo maintenance activities to begin 01 August; trucks Mon-Fri during regular business hours
 - Emily Mitchell queried about movement of trucks on site; 8-10 is estimated average of daily truck trips
 - Runway 05/23 rehabilitation scheduled for summer of 2023; additional project information is upcoming
 - Construction activity expected to be primarily via Hanscom Drive while working on south part of runway
- **Agenda Items:** Topics discussed on published agenda:
 - Amber Goodspeed presented the State of Hanscom report: report provides a brief overview of Massport, Hanscom Field history, traffic comparisons, financial results for fiscal year 2021 and economic benefits
 - Full report discussed can be accessed at <https://www.massport.com/media/khjo0oua/2021-state-of-hanscom.pdf>
 - The 124,566 operations in 2021 indicate a 25% increase compared to 2020 and 3.2% decrease compared to 2019
 - In 2021 Massport continued vegetation management program to identify and remove dangerous obstructions
 - Airport rescue, firefighting and Customs and Border Protection facilities have standardized procedures across all three Massport airports in order to enhance safety and coordination efforts

- US Department of Agriculture regularly conducts field visits to monitor and evaluate wildlife on the airfield
- Capital Funding projects at Hanscom Field are listed in the report through fiscal year 2026
 - Chairman Eliot asked if communications upgrades will result in facilities capable for hybrid meetings
- Emily Mitchell had question on amortization in budget; amortization is of all capital projects over past years
- Barbara Katzenberg queried about increase in military operations from 2020 to 2021; stays 1% of total traffic
- Margaret Coppe asked who pays for Customs inspections; Customs is revenue neutral program so Massport pays to have Customs services available and then recoups costs by charging aircraft who receive inspections
- Margaret Coppe would like to see clarification on parking to indicate aircraft so not to be confused with vehicle
- Margaret Coppe wanted to know where jet fuel taxes paid to the four towns are listed; tax revenue is dispersed by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and not Massport
- Margaret Coppe questioned scope of report; everything listed in report is specific to only Hanscom Field
- Link to the report on Massport's website will be provided to Chairman Eliot that he can share
- Chairman Eliot received Airnoise data which includes the tail number, operator, registered owner, location, elevation and distance from complainant; will help HFAC determine type of aircraft causing complaints
 - Chairman Eliot not comfortable about releasing names of registered owners and aircraft tail numbers
 - Data can be displayed as map, show aircraft type, complaint numbers, etc.
 - Ira Goldman is an Airnoise user and would be happy to share weekly noise reports of his data
 - Barbara Katzenberg interested to see what patterns emerge after analyzing the data to see what can be learned
 - Chairman Eliot observed multiple pilots, mostly single engine and jets, consistent around ends of airfield
 - Emily Mitchell would like to track data for a while to establish baseline; less comfortable to identify individuals
 - Chairman Eliot noted data not exact but aggregated quality can be useful; heat maps can clearly show paths
 - Thomas Hirsch suggested one could predict location of aircraft due to defined patterns of navigation; paths required for navigation due to glideslope, runway location, air traffic control and aerodynamics of aircraft
 - Amy and Christopher McCoy indicated Airnoise button not practical due to desire to add descriptions of aircraft
 - Emily Mitchell hopes data can paint better picture to identify and elevate issues to a body of more authority
 - Jennifer Boles concerned for residents who speak up; would like to see Massport contributions to towns be included in report; Amber Goodspeed explained funds go through Massport's charitable giving program
 - Chairman Eliot hopeful that new FAA representative can help at HFAC meeting
 - Thomas Hirsch, Emily Mitchell & Chairman Eliot agreed annual Airnoise reports most valuable and manageable
- Emily Mitchell expressed desire for information about lead and leaded avgas be a focus in next ESPR
- **Citizen Comments:** Citizens commented on and/or asked about the following topics:
 - No topics outside agenda items were raised by Citizens
- **Other Business:** The proposed date for the next HFAC meeting is 20 September 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Attendees: Christopher Eliot, Margaret Coppe, Barbara Katzenberg, Thomas Hirsch, Emily Mitchell, Amber Goodspeed, Michael Vatalaro, Christopher Boles, Jennifer Boles, Ira Goldman, Amy McCoy, David McCoy, Karlen Reed and Mike Rosenberg.