

Hanscom Field Advisory Commission
Minutes
December 18, 2007
Prepared by Massport Staff

1. Minutes: The attendees were informed that a minor correction was made to the previously distributed November Minutes that corrected the December HFAC notification date from December 15 to December 18. As requested and noted in the November minutes, Dorothy Steele distributed a packet of correspondence regarding AOPA's challenge to Hanscom's nighttime field use fee.

2. Runway Safety Area: Hank Manz informed the group that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) held a public hearing on the runway safety area project the previous afternoon at Hanscom Field. Written comments to DEP are due January 14, 2008. It was noted that representatives from the Concord and Bedford Conservation Commissions attended and appeared to be well versed on the project. Margaret Coppe attended from Lexington. Massport staff agreed to verify that both wetland replication areas are within Bedford.

3. Monthly Noise Report: Sara Arnold presented the monthly noise report. It was noted that the November Boston-Maine Airways report will be included next month. In response to questions regarding the new noise monitoring system, S. Arnold and Dorothy Steele explained that:

- Completion of the new noise monitoring system is expected in 2008.
- The new system is expected to facilitate Massport's ability to correlate noise complaints with noise sources. Reliable correlations will be dependent on accurate reporting on the part of the complainant.
- Massport will have a more detailed interactive website for the public to use to identify possible noise sources.
- With the new improved system, aircraft will be able to be tracked to as low as 200 feet, compared to the current system's ability which tracks aircraft down to about 600 feet.
- Consistent with the old system, the new system will show aircraft that are flying Visual Flight Rules but will not identify those aircraft; nor will it identify military aircraft.
- The new upgraded system was initiated by Massport's former CEO as a premier communication tool for the public.
- Raw data will not be available on-line, but Massport will respond to specific requests for detailed noise data.
- The new system will not replace existing Massport staff but is expected to reduce the manual data entry that is currently required to produce reports such as EXP.
- Massport staff assisted the National Park in collecting noise data for their soundscape study but those data were not designed for use in the new noise monitoring system.

D. Steele responded to Tom Hirsch's questions regarding community input to the noise system's website. She noted the following:

- Massport presented an overview of the project's approved scope and how it would be implemented.
- There was a subsequent meeting with resident representatives to discuss their expectations of the new system.
- At Massport's request, the communities selected several residential representatives to participate in a survey. Massport asked two aviation representatives to also participate. The survey was used to guide the type of information that would be developed for the web.
- Resident representatives reviewed a wireframe of the new system and offered suggestions to improve the "look and feel" of the website design to ensure "ease of use" for the average user.
- All the text for the new site is being produced internally, but the site is being built by professional web designers, under Massport contract.

4. Capital Projects/Development: In response to questions, S. Arnold and D. Steele explained that:

- Jet Aviation ramp expansion is still on hold.
- Massport is still interested in responding to inquiries for new hangar space by pursuing development of the East Ramp. This location was explored in the 2005 ESPR for Hanscom.
- Massport is finalizing its response to comments submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the development of Hangar 24 and Massport's draft Memorandum of Agreement. It is expected that the comments will be complete by the end of 2007 or shortly thereafter.

5. Other: H. Manz suggested the Commission follow-up on John William's idea of exploring ideas for development that all parties in HFAC could support. He suggested this be undertaken in February. D. Steele commented that Massport would be interested in participating in such a discussion. D. Steele noted that Massport is supportive of business initiatives that help to financially sustain the safety and security of the traveling public and Hanscom tenants and that support Hanscom's role in the regional aviation system. S. Arnold noted that Massport has a legal obligation to maintain the airfield for use by Hanscom Air Force Base. H. Manz reminded the group that all Lexington Selectmen are supportive of the Base and that the discussion should keep the needs of the Base in mind.

The next meeting was set for January 15, 2008.

HANSCOM FIELD ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: 12/18/07

HFAC MEMBER ATTENDEES

CATEGORY	NAME	IN ATTENDANCE
Contiguous Towns (4)	*****	
Bedford	Gordon Feltman	_____
Bedford Alt.		_____
Concord	Anne Shapiro	_____
Concord Alt.	Charles Blair	_____
Lexington	Hank Manz	X
Lexington Alt.	Michael Barrett	_____
Lincoln	Sara Mattes	_____
Lincoln Alt.	Sarah Cannon-Holden	_____
Local Citizen Groups (2)	*****	
So. Lex	Margaret Coppe	X
No. Lex	Graydon Wheaton	_____
Area Wide Organizations (2)	*****	
LWV	Melodee Wagen	_____
LWV Alt.		_____
VACANT		_____
Other Area Towns (2)	*****	
Carlisle	Steve Lerner	_____
Waltham	Rep. Tom Stanley	_____
Waltham Alt.	Michael Squillante	_____
Businesses Basing Acft at Hanscom (2)	*****	
VACANT		_____
Raytheon	Michael Burke	_____
Aviation/Aviation Related Businesses (2)	*****	
Jet Aviation	Frank Diglio	_____
Signature Flight Support	Rick Blaze	X
Signature Alt.	Jim Phelps	_____
Business Aviation Organization (1)	*****	
MBAA	John Williams	_____
NBAA (Alt. Org.)	Ken Heider	_____
General Aviation Organization (1)	*****	
Hanscom Pilots Association	Thomas Hirsch	X
Ex-Officio Members	*****	
Massport	Sara Arnold	X
Massport	Barbara Patzner	_____
Massport	Cedric Daniel	X
Massport	Dorothy Steele	X
Massport	Tom Ennis	_____
HAFB		_____
FAA	Barry Morgan	X
MMNHP	Nancy Nelson	_____