

**Hanscom Field Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**December 16, 2008**  
**Prepared by Massport Staff**

**1. Minutes:** No corrections to the November Minutes were reported. Hank Manz confirmed that the October Minutes accurately described the comments Kati Winchell had made regarding John Silva's intent to have another FAA-sponsored Section 106 meeting.

Several months ago, Mr. Garabedian wrote an editorial questioning the motives of those who oppose the redevelopment of Hangar 24. H. Manz reported that he had contacted John Garabedian, inviting him to attend an HFAC meeting.

**2. Monthly Noise Report:** Sara Arnold presented the monthly noise report. In response to questions, S. Arnold explained that:

- The 12-Month Interval Average graph demonstrates the downward trend in aircraft noise levels during 2008; this reflects the decrease in jet activity.
- Development of the new website for the upgraded noise system has been on the back burner to allow time to focus on getting the system fully operational.

**3. Hanscom Projects:** S. Arnold noted that the Runway Safety Area project is moving forward, but will be on hold during the winter. She reported that there have been and/or will continue to be meetings with the Conservation Commissions in the four towns regarding vegetation removal in wetlands that are on the airport; Lincoln has already issued its Order of Conditions. Dorothy Steele agreed to send H. Manz an electronic copy of the 2004 deicing study.

D. Steele distributed copies of an air quality study based on East Ramp hangar development. She reported that Massport will be sending a Categorical Exclusion request to the FAA for this development. She added that the noise study, which was previously distributed, and the air quality study will be included as part of the Categorical Exclusion request.

In response to questions, Dorothy Steele said that:

- A Categorical Exclusion is a determination made by the FAA, under NEPA, for an airport project that normally does not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
- Massport has been contacted by interested parties regarding private hangar development on the East Ramp, although there are no specific proposals at this time.
- Massport envisions corporate/private hangars on the East Ramp, not a Fixed Base Operator.
- Access to the East Ramp would be through the Air Force Base, consistent with the process used by those currently accessing East Ramp hangars. It is also possible to escort someone to the East Ramp from the Civil Terminal area.

- The noise and air quality studies assumed a full build/“worst case” scenario of 368,000 square feet of new hangar space.

**4. Other:** S. Arnold explained that Massport is encouraging Part 135 carriers to submit their Hanscom enplanement figures to the FAA. This effort is designed to identify 10,000 Hanscom enplanements in 2008, thus reaching the threshold for getting one million dollars in federal money. In recent years, Hanscom has reached about ~8,000 annual passengers from Part 135 operators, and Hanscom’s commercial air carrier brought the figure above 10,000. However, commercial air carrier operations ended in February 2008.

D. Steele said there have been no discussions with cargo or commercial air carriers.

**HANSCOM FIELD ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**DATE: 12/16/08**

**HFAC MEMBER ATTENDEES**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Contiguous Towns (4)	*****	
Bedford	Mike Rosenberg	X
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	
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	
MMNHP	Nancy Nelson	
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