

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER, 2008 MEETING

- The main topic of the meeting was the recent letter in the Boston Globe which roundly criticized a variety of organizations for a variety of presumed offenses. It was written by a proponent of a Massachusetts Aerospace Museum at Hanscom. All at the table were surprised by the letter since none felt that the basic museum concept was in conflict with their own views about development at Hanscom. Of course, since the plans for such a museum are still in the concept stage, all wanted to know more about the plans before they could say whether or not they would support it. However, none had said anything against the basic concept, hence the reason for the surprise by the letter. For those interested in who the writer is, you can start with the following two links:
[Globe Article](#)
[Westlaw Review](#)
- Several people pointed out that they would not support a museum that took the place of a museum in Hangar 24, but that they saw no problem with the coexistence of the two.
- The chair will attempt to contact the letter writer to invite him to a future HFAC meeting.
- Massport phoned the FAA around the end of August about the status of the FAA hearing on Hangar 24. The FAA expects to come out with a decision within 1 1/2 months which would put it in mid-October time frame.
- The skepticism concerning the possible development of the East Ramp continues. Massport states that they are looking at generic development plans while some at the table cannot understand how any generic plan could possibly be of use since needs would vary based on type of aircraft and business model.
- All representatives from the various towns again stated that they had no opposition to the military mission of the base. That has been said at almost every meeting just to make sure that the point is understood.
- There was discussion of the recent action by the state legislature to continue the exemption of aircraft and parts from sales tax.

POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Please send suggestions for additional topics to me via e-mail.

- What is happening on the East Ramp (recurring item)
- What is the status of the Web site (recurring item)
- Noise monitoring status (recurring item)

- Presentation of the 2007 Noise Report