

Nantucket Noise Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

8/15/07

I. Call to order

Chair Christine Silverstein called to order the regular meeting of the **Nantucket Noise Advisory Committee** at **8:35 a.m.** on **August 15, 2007** in Snow Removal Equipment Building on the Bunker Road.

II. Roll call

No roll call was conducted. The following persons were noted as present:

NAC Chair Christine Silverstein (CS)
Airport Manager Al Peterson (AP)
Airport Commissioners Dual MacIntyre (DM) & Finn Murphy (FM)
Airport Environmental Coordinator Jack Wheeler (JW)
John Johnson (JJ)
George Hubbs (GH)
Tom Quigley (TQ)
Liz Trillos (LT)
Arthur Gasbarro (AG)

Audience: None

Approval of minutes from last meeting (12/13/06)

Approved unanimously, FM & TQ abstain

III. Open issues

JW - gave brief noise report.

GH - voices concerns about late night and early a.m. jet operations

JW - Stage II aircraft problems, very loud, generate complaints mid-day

AP – Fed. Legislation in order to ban Stage II

Unknown –Are landing fees higher during nighttime option available as deterrent

JW – Probably not, could be viewed as discriminatory

JW - Recommends Commissioners send letter to all “netjet”-type operators regarding late night/early a.m. operations

AP- Jetblue leaving at 1 a.m. sometimes due to congestion in NYC

AG – Again would like to suggest implementation of a Voluntary Restriction to Nighttime Operations

CS – Noise due to APU for jets parked along North Ramp, Pine Crest Neighbor concerned with APU

AP – Big jets need to be parked back to fence along Airport Rd due to size and ramp availability

AG – Then why are the annual noise reports still championing the jets having been turned around to prevent exhaust being directed toward the Evergreen neighborhood

AP- That statement will no longer be included in the noise reports.

CS – People have given up on complaining

FM - Many planes have been turned around, there is only so much can be done, not many complaints coming from Evergreen neighborhood about APU noise

TQ – Problem is planes taking off making sharp short turns and crossing Island

GH – Early a.m C402 procedures helping, but jets are a major problem in Siasconset

LT – Neighbors are tired of filing complaints, no action, jets all day in Tom Nevers

JJ – Problem with noise abatement ending at 8 a.m., C402 going right over island at 8:01.

AP – Shuttle is setting standard by cutting across island, and others following. Also, Island Air’s Bill McGrath feels it’s ok to cross the island at 2500’.

CS – There is a need to video and broadcast Airport Commission meetings

FM – will be contacting Plum to see if they are interested

AP – Shuttle will be invited to next AC meeting to discuss their operation procedure.

JW – 5% landing fee savings for winning a.m. compliance is approx. \$1600

CS - Real problem with over the top flights. Over water VFR routes should be used whenever safe to do so. How to get operators to do so?

TQ – possible safety issues with c402 making a turn to go over the top as jets approach

JJ – would like to try and get Tower onboard.

FM – Need to formulate a priority list

All - Late night/early a.m. operations
APU noise – North Ramp
Sharp short turns after takeoff
Over the top flights
Reconnect/Meet with ATC

Best way to move forward?

AP – Will try to address North Ramp issue today

JJ – Expand noise abatement compliance timeframe

DM – Suggests waiting until Oct. until “test period” over

All – agree, but we may need to expand “reward”

FM – Action items for above –

DM & TQ – should contact Tower

AP – need data to address over the top

TQ – need to do a study for fuel consumption of Over the top vs around the island

AG – suggest coming up with a proposal and seeking funding from the AC for study

DM – Shuttle more concerned with time, than fuel costs

GH – did test flight tracks with IA several years ago, recording data himself in passenger seat

JW – has studied time difference based on both routes, approx. 41 second difference

AG – Is the real issue then fuel, or turnaround time?

TQ & TM – Study may not be needed, data may be available. Try asking first.

DM – Letter to all three airlines asking for data

FM – late night/early a.m. – review white plains court case
What action do they take for violators
Need research, report back at next meeting

JW – very frustrating contacting FAA in Atlanta trying to setup a community meeting. They told him to set the meeting, and they said they will attend, he set up, and they responded they decided not to attend. FAA prefers more informal type meetings.

IV. New business

- a) Future of NAC?
- b) CS is stepping down as Chair as of Oct. 1, and will not attend meetings for at least year.
- c) Looking for new leadership
- d) Suggests setting a schedule with a finite numbers of meetings.
- e) Next meeting August 10th, 8:30 am
- f) Will try to get a large attendance

V. Adjournment

Christine Silverstein adjourned the meeting at **9:40 a.m. +/-**.

Minutes submitted by: Arthur Gasbarro

Minutes approved by: