

# *Nantucket Noise Advisory Committee*

## *Meeting Minutes*

12/05/07

### **I. Call to order**

**Chairman Arthur Gasbarro** called to order the regular meeting of the **Nantucket Noise Advisory Committee** at **10:00 a.m.** on **December 5, 2007** in the Meeting Room at the Snow Removal Equipment Building on Bunker Road.

### **II. Roll call**

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

Airport Manager Al Peterson (AP)  
Airport Commissioner Dual MacIntyre (DM)  
Airport Environmental Coordinator Jack Wheeler (JW)  
Peter Morrison (PM)  
Lili Baker (LB)  
Arthur Gasbarro (AG)

Audience:

Carl Vogel (CV) – Island Airlines – Chief Pilot  
Steve Phillips (SP) – Cape Air – Chief Pilot

### **III. Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from 10/24/07 approved by unanimous consent.

### **IV. Public Comment**

CV- Island Air workers open Hyannis operations at 5:15 a.m. at which time there is typically a line already forming of workman waiting to commute to Nantucket. The Air Taxis are getting going as early as possible to avoid losing passengers to the first high-speed ferry departure of the morning.

### **V. Noise Report**

JW gave brief noise & early morning compliance report. More detail to follow in subsequent discussion item. Some taxiway work during the previous period resulted in some operational variances.

## **VI. Morning Noise Abatement Incentive Program**

DM – Early Morning Noise Program – Will recommend to the Airport Commission to increase the incentives for compliance.

CV – Passenger demand sometimes determines airline’s compliance. Some mornings they run 5 sections of workers prior to 6 a.m. and these early morning operations sustain them in the winter months.

AG – Concerned with the impact of pre 6 a.m. operations on the community. These flights should be tracked and logged.

AP – Concerned with Airport endorsing policy for when the ATC is closed.

DM – 5-6 a.m. period difficult to address

CV – Certain operators not following routes causes operational difficulties for all.

AP – Program should include direct pilot benefit such as free coffee.

PM – What is the percentage of complaints attributable to Nantucket Shuttle?

DM – Seeking to most effectively balance using funds for publicity vs. reward

## **VII. Environmental Officer Noise-related Duties**

Jack Wheeler – estimates 30% percent of his job function is related to noise matters.

Al Peterson – Calculated that each noise complaint costs the Airport \$380. He estimated that 80% of Jack Wheeler’s time and salary contributed to this.

AG – Very concerned with disparity in above times and the data used as a basis for the calculation of a per-complaint cost. More time needs to be devoted to responding and following up on complaints. Suggests that a seasonal intern to assist JW may be appropriate.

JW – Ideal response time to complaints would be within 2 weeks.

## **VIII. Committee Comment**

AG – Suggests that the Airport send a letter to the air taxis with an invitation to attend NAC meetings along with the schedule for the upcoming year. AP agrees.

## **IX. Adjournment**

**Arthur Gasbarro** adjourned the meeting at **11:05 a.m. +/-**.

Minutes submitted by: Arthur Gasbarro

Minutes approved by: