

Nantucket Noise Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

9/24/07

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 **September 24, 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:

Christine Silverstein (CS)
Airport Manager Al Peterson (AP)
Airport Commissioners Dual MacIntyre (DM) & Finn Murphy (FM)
Airport Environmental Coordinator Jack Wheeler (JW)
George Hubbs (GH)
Peter Morrison (PM)
Liz Trillos (LT)
Lili Baker (LB)
Arthur Gasbarro (AG)

Audience:

Quaise Residents - Francie Bovers (FB) & Brian Schereschewsky (BS)

Minutes from last meeting (8/17/07) will be reviewed at the next meeting

III. Open issues

JW gave brief noise report & early morning compliance. The Nantucket Shuttle operators attended the last Airport Commission meeting and said they will improve their compliance. AP states that the Shuttle management has claimed to “have a better way”, and are passing the savings on to their customers.

JW followed up on the Voluntary Restriction to Nighttime Flying discussed at the previous meeting. He spoke with Renee Johns-Alther, the former Noise Officer at Westchester, NY airport. She claimed the program was semi-effective, and did help reduce nighttime operations. The most effective portion of the program was using a Good Neighbor Outreach program to the jet operators that included a major public relations push consisting of letters, signs and postings at the airport.

JW also spoke with Doc Mosby, Barnstable Airport Manager. They have a similar program, and his comments echoed Ms. Althers.

IV. New business

- a) Quaise Resident FB – expressed concerns with flights deviating from the flight paths over Folger Marsh. She did not realize that she needed to continue filing complaints. She has filed them in the past, but seen no results. Her husband BS has observed that the commercial operators seem to be using the shortest routes possible resulting in flying over residences.
- b) FM & GH both expressed the need for citizens to file complaints. GH told of a former system used in Sconset where residents were provided stickers for their phones with the Noise Complaint phone number.
- c) DM – Early Morning Noise Program – trial basis is nearing it's end (October). He is seeking input on the program
 - AG- suggest tracking compliance from 10 pm to 8 am.
 - GH, LT, LB – start tracking at 5 a.m., AG agrees to 5 a.m.
 - CS, PM – keep the times the same
 - PM – work to stimulate/increase economic incentive to get operators to comply
 - AP – Currently providing C402 operators a break on landing fees by charging a flat fee.
- d) NAC Future – CS resigns, will not attend future meetings. AG unanimously voted Chairman
- e) Action Items –
 - JW - will prepare early a.m. compliance program reports
 - LT – will be the Civic League contact
 - GH – Quick turns off R24 & jet over-island flight while ATC closed.
Hopes to address at meeting with Tower mgmt & DH
 - AP – APU on north ramp – sent out a letter, next season operators will be required to have GPUs per airline. This year there were not enough, forcing the use of APUs.
 - FM – follow-up on rebates associated with early a.m. program.
Air taxis to be on next agenda – fuel vs. time for over the top routes
Island Air continues to regularly use over the top routes, as does the Shuttle.

V. Adjournment

Arthur Gasbarro adjourned the meeting at **9:55 a.m.** +/-.

Minutes submitted by: Arthur Gasbarro

Minutes approved by: