

Minutes

Noise, Air Pollution & Airport Hazards Committee (WAHC)

July 24, 2019 at 6:00pm

Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman-Gina Cassetta

Vice-Chairman- Jerry E. Falbo

Secretary-Dawn R. Quirk

Members-Valentino D. Capobianco

Barbara Bishop, for Speaker Robert DeLeo

Richard Bangs

David Phipps

Linda Cargill

CALL TO ORDER: Gina Cassetta called the WAHC meeting to order at 6:06pm

June meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Dick Bangs motioned request to deviate from agenda. Seconded by Gina Cassetta-Chair. Passed Unanimously. Dick Bangs gave lengthy overview of fruition of Committee. Committee originated in 1971 with five members, three who were also Selectmen. Approximately 2005-2006, Town accepted provision of new government. Town Council acts alone. Committee becomes an advisory committee.

Discuss and Vote on requesting the fully executed Winthrop Foundation Declaration of Trust: No vote was taken at this time.

Discussed language of **Terminal E mitigation agreement**, whereas agreement between the Town of Winthrop and Massport states that the **Town of Winthrop** is a host community for Logan Airport and **approximately one-third of Logan Airport's runways are located within Winthrop.**

Also, the **Town of Winthrop, agrees to accept additional payments to the Winthrop Foundation as MITIGATION for the effects of increasing impacts in Winthrop during more hours of the day, particularly during the early morning and evening hours, as a result of 50% increase in the number of International flights to and from Logan, many of which have late and early arrival and departure times. Also, the FAA fiscal year 2017 Terminal area forecast has forecasted continued passenger growth in the future.**

Winthrop acknowledges that both passenger and flight volume will continues to grow over the next 7 years.

Discussed information pertaining to the WAHC presentation to the TC meeting on August 13, 2019: Types of data and reports to prepare. Jerry Falbo recommends to suggest to change or amend the charter.

General Discussion: discussed was the new directive from Town Council President Ron Vecchia: " Any and all requests for information from a governmental agency that has agreements or relationships with the Town of Winthrop must go through the chair of the committee after a discussion by committee

members and duly noted in the official minutes of the meeting. As an advisory committee these request must then go to the Town Manager for review.”

Public Comment- Richard Ferrino discussed his interest in the Committee’s work and future meeting attendance.

Members of the Press/Public in attendance:

Meredith Hurley, Public Health Nurse

Richard Ferrino, Town Council

Gina Cassetta, Chairman, motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Falbo, unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm