

Airport Noise Abatement Committee Meeting

March 23, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to notice duly posted, Chairman Charlie Bitzer called the meeting of the Airport Noise Abatement Committee to order at 7:10 PM in the Employee Lounge of the Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

II. MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Bitzer – Committee Chairman

Walt Rimkunas – Committee Member

Austin Field – Committee Member

Denise Nelson – Committee Member

Patty Yacik - Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of July 28, 2010.

A motion was made by Walt Rimkunas and seconded by Austin Field to approve the foregoing minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – Charlie noted that the letter that was discussed at the last meeting regarding cooperation being needed from the airport has been put on hold until the issue of the safety zones and moving the road has been resolved. Denise Nelson suggested that the Town may have grant programs available to help with safety and noise issues. Charlie said we have to continue to report and record any noise complaints. Charlie is going to call Andy at the airport to get the list of complaints that have been made. Charlie commented that the Airport Noise Abatement Committee was started in September of 2007 and a major accomplishment of the committee was the 7:00AM-10:00PM take-off schedule.

V. NEW BUSINESS –Charlie stated that he is going to write a letter to the editor regarding the safety of the runways. He is also going to inquire about how the traffic will be routed when the runways are being worked on. Austin suggested that perhaps any paving could be done at night.

Austin noted that the noise traffic has dropped off. Walt added that when people start opening up their windows and spending time outside the airport complaints will increase.

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Charlie said not many jets are taking off. Walt said the planes are there but they are not being used.

Charlie gave the committee the number for Tweed Airport and suggested that they call the number and listen to the answering machine. One of the options is to leave a message regarding any noise complaints. Charlie said he would like to see an answering machine system at our airport. Austin suggested that the system should not be expensive. Denise agreed and reminded the committee that a resident came to one of the meetings and suggested a system where a resident could leave an e-mail message. Walt noted that some residents don't have a computer so it would have to be a system where you can leave either a voice or e-mail message.

The next meeting of the Noise Abatement Committee will be held on May 25, 2011.

VI. ADJOURNMENT- Walt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Denise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Yacik