

Airport Noise Abatement Committee Meeting

May 26, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to notice duly posted, Chairman Charlie Bitzer called the meeting of the Airport Noise Abatement Committee to order at 7:03 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

Marcia Stewart – Committee Member

David Faile – Friends of Sikorsky Airport

Patty Yacik - Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 24, 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 Bitzer and Walt Rimkunas attended the Tweed Airport Noise Abatement Committee meeting. The committee is a liaison between the Cities of New Haven, East Haven and Tweed Airport. Charlie reported that the meeting was very interesting. They learned that the committee has authority to make changes such as having a say to move a road for the benefit of the neighbors that surround Tweed. They have safety areas and have a good relationship with the Airport and the FAA. Tweed has studies conducted including 150 noise studies. Dave Faile noted that the money comes from the FAA.

Dave noted that there was a 150 noise study done over ten years ago. Charlie said he would look into how to update the study.

Walt noted that the difference between Tweed Airport and Sikorsky Airport is that the City of New Haven owns Tweed Airport but Sikorsky Airport is owned by Bridgeport and is in Stratford.

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Denise Nelson thanked Charlie and Walt for attending the meeting and reporting back.

- V. NEW BUSINESS - Charlie noted that there was an interesting article in the paper regarding complaints about airport noise. The article noted that communication was sent to corporations reminding them about airport rules and regulations. Charlie suggested that maybe it can be done in the Stratford area.

Charlie reminded the Committee to continue to be the “watchdog” of the airport.

Marcia Stewart asked about the hangars at the airport. Dave stated that one has been completed.

Charlie noted that he will try to find out more about the State neighborhood liaison.

Marcia noted the PYE “Six Month Check-Up” meeting with the Mayor and the Town Council will be held on June 29, 2010 at St. Joseph’s in Lordship.

The next meeting of the Noise Abatement Committee will be held on July 28, 2010.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT – Walt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Denise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Yacik