

Stratford Noise Abatement Committee Meeting
March 25, 2009

I CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to notice duly posted, Chairman Charlie Bitzer called the meeting of the Noise Abatement Committee to order at 7:05 PM in the lunch room of the Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

II MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Bitzer – Committee Chairman
Chandra Dicks – Committee Member
Denise Nelson – Committee Member
Walt Rimkunas – Committee Member
Vicky Wilchinsky – Committee Member
Patty Yacik – Committee Secretary
Dave Faile – Representative – Friends of Sikorsky Airport
Andy Widor – Airport Personnel

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of February 4, 2009

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

IV OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

V NEW BUSINESS - Charlie Bitzer distributed the completed flyer for review. Andy Widor noted that the hours for the airport are from 6:00 AM to midnight seven days a week and that the hours for the tower are from 6:30 AM until 10:00 PM. He said that there is a janitor who works from midnight until 6:00 AM but that he doesn't answer phones.

Dave suggested that the hours of operation not be put on the flyer so that if the hours changed new flyers would not have to be made.

Charlie suggested that if there isn't anyone to answer the phone after hours a resident should call back in the morning.

Andy noted that there can't be any follow up on a voicemail message.

Charlie stated that he will work with the town to have the flyers printed. Dave asked that extra copies be made for the airport.

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Walt suggested that we also ask the town if it could have the flyers delivered to residents in the First and Second Districts.

Walt asked Andy about the cannons at the end of runway six. Andy explained that they scare off the birds. Dave stated that airport personnel move the cannons around. Walt asked why they are used after dark. Andy said they should be turned off when it gets dark.

Charlie noted that there have not been many jets taking off lately. Dave stated that traffic counts are down and that the economy is having an effect on air traffic.

Andy handed out a graph of complaints received by the airport.

Charlie read a complaint from a person stating that the airport traffic was causing her house to crack. Dave stated that the call should have been made to the airport. Dave noted that the resident lives too far away from the airport for the airport traffic to do the damage. Denise offered to review the complaint with the resident.

The next meeting will be May 27, 2009.

VI ADJOURNMENT - Walt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Denise seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Yacik