

Airplane Noise Advisory Committee
September 24, 2025
Cronin Conference Room, Town Hall

Present: Committee members Raj Pathak, David Godine and Katie Conlon

1. The meeting began at 6:01 p.m.
2. No resident spoke during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Mr. Godine introduced Jim Hackett, who may be interested in serving on the Committee. Committee members introduced themselves.
3. Consideration of meeting minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
4. The Chair reported that, at the request of the Town Administrator, she met with Paul Hogan, who is interested in serving as Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) representative. The Select Board will make an appointment soon. Ms. Conlon also reported that, in light of recent events concerning member Josh Thompson, the Town Administrator had asked whether, on behalf of the Select Board, he should ask Mr. Thompson to resign from the Committee. Following discussion, the consensus of the Committee was that Mr. Thompson's resignation should be requested. That would leave two vacancies rather than one. Mr. Godine has been in touch with several residents to encourage them to consider serving on the Committee. Members will continue their outreach efforts.

Mr. Godine shared a phone number, 617-455-3003, by which members of the public may obtain wind speed information that is provided to pilots.

5. The Committee discussed the temporary closure of Runway 9-27 that began on September 2, which will increase the number of arrivals to Runways 4L and 4R. The Committee wishes to make residents aware of the impact of the temporary closure on Milton. The Committee reviewed and edited a draft of a public notice about the temporary closure. On a motion made by Mr. Godine and seconded by Mr. Pathak, the Committee voted 3-0 to submit the public notice for publication through Town channels.

6. The Committee discussed a number of topics identified in a September 19 email from Mr. Godine, including early deployment of landing gear; increasing public awareness of airplane noise impacts, the process for filing noise complaints, and news items such as the temporary runway closure; Board of Health involvement in the Town's efforts to combat excessive airplane noise; and the appointment of a representative to the MCAC. Members agreed that the issue of landing gear deployment would be a good topic for the MCAC to consider. Advocating for the alternative Runway 4R flight paths recommended by MIT is a priority for the Committee.

7. The Chair reported that Assistant Town Administrator Nick Connors, who had served as an informal liaison to the Committee, has accepted a position as Town Administrator in another town. A new liaison should be sought.

8. The Committee will meet next on August 25 at 6:00 p.m.
9. At 7:13 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Godine and seconded by Mr. Pathak, the Committee voted 3-0 to adjourn.

Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Email from David Godine dated September 19, 2025
3. Massport announcement re: Runway 9-27 temporary closure (from Massport's website)
4. Draft of public notice re: Runway 9-27 temporary closure

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Conlon