



Plymouth Airport Community Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 22 2025 | 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting – Airport Conference Room

PLYMOUTH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, 246 S. MEADOW ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MA 02360

The Plymouth Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held its monthly meeting on this day in the Plymouth Airport Conference room. The following appointed members were present in person: Adam Bond, Alan Costello, Tony Caruso, Dan Ryan, Justin Fosdick, Kyle Bodell, Paul Worcester, Robert Perry, Steve Lantagne, Travis Ouellette, Joe Ricci Jr. (Non-Voting Member), and Matt Cardillo (Non-Voting Member, Airport Manager), and Timothy Helm were present. Peter Conner attended virtually through Zoom. Kyle Haas was excused due to travel. Guests from the community, in person, were Lisa Lantagne and Jessica LeGrand. Guests from the community, on Zoom, were Ken Fosdick, Lorraine Ramsey, Hilary Gibbons, Nicole, Joseph Lalley, Jennifer Hanlon, Joel Coffin, Nicole Miller, , Hillary Gibbons, Gail Butler, Tammy Berardi.

Disclosure: These minutes are not verbatim – they are the Secretary's interpretation of what took place at the meeting. – Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A§22. Additionally, PYM is the IATA Airport Code & FAA LID for Plymouth Municipal Airport, and will be used in these minutes to refer to the airport.

OPEN MEETING – Due to remotely connected committee members, the chairman conducted a roll call meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes of this meeting were recorded, and the meeting was held through Zoom.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

April 24, 2025 Meeting: Approval of minutes was tabled due to not all members receiving the minutes. This will be scheduled for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

PYM CAC Plan Update: A discussion occurred about changes that were made by Adam. These changes were mostly to clarify wording. The Committee discussed sending the plan to Jade Anderton, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Manager. A motion was made by Kyle Bodell. Paul Worcester seconded this motion. Dan Ryan asked if we were reviewing the plan before sending. The motion was to accept the changes only. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous. A second motion was made by Dan Ryan to distribute the changes to the members, Justin Fosdick seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee opened the floor to members of the public. Adam Bond discussed why these comments are important.

First to speak was Lorraine Ramsey, who lives off of Black Cat Road, and she asked, "What is the status of the runway expansion project?" Adam Bond asked Ms. Ramsey what issues she was specifically having and what issues she would like to see addressed. Ms. Ramsey stated that she lives about 2 miles away from the airport, off of Black Cat Road, and she wants transparency and accountability. Specifically regarding safety, noise, and

public need. She believes that environmental and quality of life issues are not being addressed. She is trying to live with a reasonable amount of disturbances. Adam Bond asked Ms. Ramsey to quantify the noise she is experiencing. Ms. Ramsey stated that planes flew overhead approximately once per hour, and she would like a quiet time to be put in place. Additionally, her environmental issues were that jets are idling at the airport, concerns regarding the Plymouth-Carver Sole Source Aquifer in regards to unleaded fuel and hazardous waste. Her issues regarding transparency are that she wants everything to be reasonable for everyone. Kyle Bodell asked if she had town water or well water. Ms. Ramsey stated that she has well water. (Kyle later clarified that he was asking this question due to concerns about pollution and the Aquifer.)

Next to speak was Hillary Gibbons, who lives to the northeast of the airport in the Matthews Trail neighborhood, and she specifically lives about a mile from the airport. She and her family have lived in the neighborhood for the past decade, and they have noticed that noise has picked up in the last year. Due to this, her family is currently considering moving. Often, planes are taking off every 30 seconds to 2 minutes, and they are typically Alpha One planes. Planes have caused her young son to cry due to the noise, and larger jets often wake up Ms. Gibbons' family. Additionally, her family cannot eat dinner outside, and they have to stop conversations due to the noise, and she has taken a video of the noise. She asked why runway 6/24 was used as the calm wind runway, and suggested that another runway be used. Adam Bond asked if the committee could view the video. Ms. Gibbons stated that she was concerned about privacy. Adam Bond stated that he only needed to hear the video. Ms. Gibbons further stated that air traffic is now going over her house, and based on noise and frequency, that they are flight schools, and she can track them, and they are significant. It is not often with jets, but she and her family often deal with early flights, which wake everyone up early. Kyle Bodell asked if she had town water or well water. Ms. Gibbons stated that she has town water.

Next to speak with Jennifer Hanlon, who lives on the same street as Ms. Gibbons. Firstly, Ms. Hanlon echoed what Ms. Gibbons said. She and her family have lived in the neighborhood for the past 45 years, and air traffic has never been this bad. Ms. Hanlon states that the repetitiveness (circling) has gotten worse over the course of the last two to three years, and there have been instances of 3 planes circling at once, every 30-45 seconds. Further, she says it is impossible to have conversations in her backyard due to noise, or even at her back door in one instance. Ms. Hanlon is observing more frequent early morning departures, and flight schools circling later, specifically around 9 pm or even later. She said as of the date of the meeting, there was at least one jet, as well as the day before. She also had concerns about the environment. She has seen many planes departing and approaching the airport from over the John "Jack" Medeiros Memorial Recreational Area (Formerly Known as the West Plymouth Recreational Area) and believes there have been fumes over the area, and has asked the Airport Commission to test the soils in her neighborhood. Adam Bond asked if she was aware of anyone in her neighborhood testing their soils. Ms. Hanlon stated that Airport Manager Matt Cardillo has stated in the past, he hopes to draw in charter jets with a potential expansion of the runway. Ms. Hanlon also stated that she has asked for noise testing from the commission, but she believes that it has fallen on deaf ears. Kyle Bodell asked if she had Town or Well water. She stated that she has town water, but she is aware of at least one neighbor who has well water. Kyle additionally asked if she was against expansions of apartment buildings and/or housing. Ms. Hanlon stated that she is not involved with that. Adam asked Matt Cardillo who deals with environmental concerns. Matt stated that the airport employs an Environmental Firm, and he can forward any questions. Adam Bond asked if someone could talk about this at a future meeting. Paul Worcester stated that someone from the FAA could do that.

Next to speak was Nicole Miller, who lives off Bruce Road. She echoed Ms. Hanlon and Ms. Gibbons. She's been living in her home for 13 years, and the planes are flying lower than they have ever been. Ms. Miller also asked if there is a communication method for the committee. Matt Cardillo stated that emails can be sent to his town email, but they need to say that they are for the CAC, for now. Ms. Miller also brought up the Environmental Review by MEPA. Both Paul Worcester and Matt Cardillo stated that it is on the Airport

website, along with the Technical Master Plan Update. Ms. Miller stated that they are out of date. Further, she believes that planes have become "a complete disturbance."

Next to speak was Lisa Lantagne, who lives off of Harvard Road. She echoed everyone who has spoken from the public. She additionally requested that airport noise complaints be added to SeeClickFix on the Plymouth Town Website, and stated that people are likely not to send an email. Adam Bond confirmed that most community members' issues are noise, repetitiveness, and the process to make noise and altitude complaints. Ms. Lantagne also added that you don't have to smell the fumes to be exposed to them. She further stated that her main issue is training schools, and that they are going lower, and that her group, Take Back Our Plymouth Airport (TBOPA), has received over 500 emails, and they feel they are not being heard. Adam Bond added that we need clarification on what our role is. Ms. Lantagne added that she is not against the airport, but the noise has increased in the past 2 to 3 years, and the fear of the expansion is that the noise level will increase. Ms. Hanlon also added that if SeeClickFix is used for complaints, it is through the town website and is anonymous. But with the current complaint process for the Airport, it seems that once she makes a complaint it seems like the noise gets worse, and that a plane turned to go directly over her backyard the last time she called, and that complaints are not anonymous. Both Matt Cardilo and Paul Worcester stated that it is not necessary to use a name, and later clarified that only a general area and time are needed for a complaint, and that they can be taken anonymously. Matt Cardilo also added that the complaints started as phone calls, and then a voicemail was offered. Paul Worcester also stated that in the past, complaints have included threats to airport commissioners and staff. Kyle Hass asked if Ms. Lantagne had town or well water, and Ms. Lantagne answered that she has town water.

Next to speak was Jessica LeGrand, who lives off of Bruce Road, and she stated that her only issues were with jets, and she has no issues with smaller planes. She preemptively answered Kyle Hass's question about whether she has town or well water by saying she has town water, but she has a pool. She stated that people in her neighborhood are having significant health issues and cancer, and that various testing of the environment is ongoing, and houses in her neighborhood were built in the 70s. Ms. LeGrand's major issues are noise, height, and potential fumes from fuel. Ms. LeGrand stated that she wants to stay at her home, as Ms. Lantagne concurred. Ms. LeGrand also stated that everyone is looking for facts, whether they like them or not. Paul Worcester stated that this is a complicated process and problem, with different perspectives and points of view. Some things can be changed or adjusted, but others cannot, and some are only voluntary. This airfield has operated for almost a hundred years, before many nearby homes and businesses were constructed. Additionally, Mr. Worcester added that the airfield cannot be discriminatory for any reason other than if PYM cannot accommodate the aircraft. He also added that this process takes time and always involves the community. Adam Bond further added that this is foundational work.

The last member of the community to speak was Committee Member Tony Caruso, who lives on the North Side of South Meadow Road, and he concurred with all of the complaints spoken by other community members. He specifically said that the Flight Schools are a constant and that he has smelled fuel at the John "Jack" Medeiros Memorial Recreational Area (Formerly Known as the West Plymouth Recreational Area).

The floor was then closed to members of the public.

DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Costello asked Matt Cardilo about the airport complaint process and if it was possible to make an overlay of complaints vs an overlay of patterns, and asked what the procedure was for responding to complaints. Adam Bond stated that he wanted data. Mr. Cardillo stated that he investigates all complaints and responds accordingly. Chair Bond asked wanted to know when more complaints had started to come in. Ms. Lantagne was recognized by the Committee and stated that the noise became noticeable in 2022. Mr. Cardillo also stated that complaints were always tracked, but they started to be formally tracked in 2023. Ms. Lantagne also stated

that people started to know how to make complaints. Justin Fosdick suggested comparing complaint logs to flight paths. Ms. Lantagne wanted to know what has caused the change. Chair Bond stated that it may be a change in perception, and that winds might be different.

ADJOURN

Committee member Dan Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Kyle Bodell seconded the motion. A vote to adjourn was unanimous. (A roll call vote was not necessary as Peter Conner had left the meeting, due to a prior commitment.)

As there was no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Bond".

Adam Bond
Chairman