

The Plymouth Airport Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 4th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room in the Airport Administration Building. Present were Chairman Kenneth Fosdick, Vice-Chairman Douglas Crociati, and Commissioners Karin Goulian, Paul Worcester, Peter Conner, Tom Hurley and Chris Merrill. Also present at the meeting were Airport Manager Matt Cardillo, John Borland, George Caldwell, Jason Wolfson, Bill Keohan, Lorraine Ramsey, Eric Jones (remote), Jen Hanlon (remote 7:07), Mark Kaloshis (remote 7:10), Joe Ricci (remote 7:11), Meg Sheehan (remote 7:13), Steve Lantagne (remote 7:14), Lisa Lantagne (remote 7:14), and Nicole Miller (remote 7:21).

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OPEN MEETING - Chairman Fosdick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Manager Matt Cardillo explained the new protocol for Town of Plymouth Zoom meetings.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14th MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Paul Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14th, 2025. Vice Chairman Doug Crociati seconded the motion. The motion carried. 7-0-0.

REVIEW NOISE/SAFETY COMPLAINTS

Manager Matt Cardillo said there were 17 noise complaints for the last month, and he said that after investigation of each one, none were found to have any safety issues, or any state, local or federal violations. There was some discussion about some complaints that were received that had nothing to do with Plymouth Airport. Commissioner Goulian suggested a separate section on the noise log for complaints that are not connected to Plymouth Airport.

Commissioner Conner asked about the time that is spent on investigating each complaint, and Manager Cardillo said that it can take 10 to 20 minutes for each complaint, and sometimes even longer. Commissioner Conner said that he finds it troubling that someone can file a complaint and not have their name or address attached. Chairman Fosdick said that they did that to accommodate people, and he is not sure that it was the right thing to do, and they can go back to where they were.

Chairman Fosdick also said that there was a request of the airport to supply the names of the pilots. He said that there are things that they should do, and some they should not, and that there is a certain level of harassment going on. Manager Cardillo said that the people that made the request to be anonymous did so because they felt that if they gave their name the pilots would then target their location. Chairman Fosdick said that the fact of the matter is that people flying in the pattern at the airport are not targeting anybody. Chairman Fosdick added that the repetitiveness of the flying is when pilots are performing correctly. There was some discussion regarding the fact that none of the complaints ever are an actual violation.

There was also some discussion about the possibility of the switching of the calm wind runway alleviating some of the noise complaints. Manager Cardillo said he is unsure about the change alleviating complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorraine Ramsey asked what was being done about the noise complaints. Chairman Fosdick said that this is what was just discussed, and he said that there is very little that they can do. He said that when a plane is in the air, it is controlled by the FAA. He said the airport is a training airfield and has been for 85 years, and that part of the training is pattern work. Ms. Ramsey said that the air traffic is increasing, and once again Chairman Fosdick said that it has not, and that the numbers indicate that air traffic is not increasing. He said that the air traffic has increased since COVID, but the numbers are not higher than they were before COVID.

Ms. Ramsey asked about what people use the hangars for and if the hangars had been inspected yet. Chairman Fosdick said they have not been inspected yet, and that the rules are very explicit for what they can and cannot do. Ms. Ramsey asked about an incident that happened last year regarding a car fire in a hangar. Chairman Fosdick explained the incident to her again.

Ms. Ramsey then said that there was a mistake in the minutes, when there in fact was no mistake, as she was the one that was mistaken, and she wanted to know why the public could not amend the minutes. Chairman Fosdick explained to Ms. Ramsey about the minute approval process that is used for all committee meetings.

APPOINTMENTS

7:24 PM – John Borland, Proposed Building Update

John Borland said that he does not have the permit yet, and he has made calls and didn't get the response that he wanted before this meeting. He said that they had finished the trees that were on the left side of the lot.

7:26 PM – Elks Club Proposed Building Update

Manager Cardillo said that he received an email from the Elks Club that said that the water and gas services have been installed, and they are waiting on the meters. They also indicated that the sewer should be done this week. They also said that they are now thinking they should be done between October 15th and November 1st.

7:27 PM – Marc/Jason Hangar Development

Jason Wolfson said that Eversource will be putting a pole in within the next week. He said that the drainage is in. He added that the metal is being painted currently. He said that they are to have insulation installed before the snow falls.

7:28 George Caldwell, Adding additional Sq. Ft. to his NW9 Land Lease

George Caldwell said that he would like to lease a bit of land to the left of his building. He said that they want to use it for storage and eventually would like to add an addition. There was discussion regarding the location and the condition of the space.

Commissioner Merrill made a motion to agree to lease the additional space to George Caldwell at the existing lease rate. Commissioner Worcester seconded the motion. The motion carried. 7-0-0.

7:31 PM – Dubois & King

Chairman Fosdick said that Jeff Adler is not available for this meeting. Manager Cardillo said that there is a tentative date of September 15th for the CIP meeting. Chairman Fosdick said that they are asking for the runway redo, and it does not include the runway extension. He also said that he will be appearing before the CAC, the Committee of Precinct Chairs, and precinct meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – Seventh Meeting Debrief

Manager Cardillo gave a brief overview of the CAC's 7th meeting. He said that there are two vacancies on the committee, with one seat from Plymouth and one from Carver. The Select Board has extended the application deadline until September 10th. He said that there was also some discussion regarding the flight schools at the airport doing a joint presentation at a CAC meeting. He also said there was a discussion about the warrant articles, and that some of the residents would like some more details about the articles.

2. South Meadow Road – Non-Aviation RFP

There was some discussion about the days for the RFP to be out there. Commissioner Merrill said the minimum should be 45 days, and the maximum is 60 days. There was some discussion about getting the RFP out by October 1st and Manager Cardillo said that it is doable if Attorney Galvin approves it by then.

3. Minimum Standards Updates

a. Hangar Storage/Usage

There was some discussion about when to start the inspections of the hangars. Commissioner Merrill asked about how they will be documented. There was discussion about having a procedure and a template. There was also some discussion regarding the letter that will go out to the lease holders.

4. Sewer Rate Discussion

There was some more discussion about raising the sewer rate for the airport users.

Commissioner Merrill made a motion to leave the current base rate and increase the rate to 5%. Commissioner Goulian seconded the motion. The motion carried. 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meg Sheehan introduced herself and said she is a volunteer attorney with the Community Land and Water Coalition. She said that the coalition over the years has received many reports about the air, noise and soil pollution at the airport. She said that she would like to ask the airport to address a few items regarding the pollution. Chairman Fosdick asked Ms. Sheehan to put it in writing, and then the Airport Commission will react to her requests.

Steve Lantagne asked about the weight capacity of the runway. Chairman Fosdick said that he will be speaking at the next CAC meeting along with someone from the Engineering Company.

Eric Jones of Cape Cod Community College said that they have 2 events coming up and he wanted to let the airport know of them. Chairman Fosdick wanted to know if they filled out the Event Request form, and he had not. Chairman Fosdick said that they are generally supportive of these events, and he said that they can have a special meeting to discuss the events once the form is received. There was also some discussion about parking for the events.

Jen Hanlon asked for clarification on the deadline for the CAC application. She also said that she had an issue with a previous set of minutes not being adjusted at her request. Ms. Hanlon asked questions about wind direction, runway use, weight of aircraft, and the runway extension to which Chairman Fosdick answered regarding the various components that go into the calculations of what runway is used. Chairman Fosdick said that the pilot in command does what the pilot feels is the safest thing to do. There was some discussion about the ILS, and Manager Cardillo explained it to her.

Ms. Hanlon also asked about noise abatement procedures, and she complained that nothing is being done regarding the noise complaints that she and others file with the airport. Chairman Fosdick said that the airport

has been a training airport for 85 years, and the planes have been training in the same way. Ms. Hanlon complained about lack of documentation regarding the airport speaking to pilots. Vice Chairman Crociati asked her if the pilot is flying the way they are supposed to be flying, and not breaking any rules, what are they supposed to talk to them about? She continued to request that the pilots change their path and Chairman Fosdick said that they cannot ask them to do that.

Lisa Lantagne and Ms. Ramsey made additional comments regarding airplane noise, training, and a lack of respect for the residents. Commissioners Hurley and Conner responded to their comments.

Adjourn: Vice Chairman Doug Crociati made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chris Merrill seconded the motion. 7-0-0.

As there was no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Approved
Kenneth Fosdick, Chairman