

**BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
SOUND MITIGATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 13, 2017**

**DRAFT**

**ATTENDEES:** Nic Longo, BTV (Chair)  
Gene Richards, BTV (Vice Chair)  
Amanda Clayton, BTV  
Kelly Colling, BTV  
Erin Desautels, Vermont Small Business Acceleration  
Sarah Degutis, Jones Payne Group  
Diane Carter, Jones Payne Group  
David Crandall, HMMH  
J. Jeff Munger, Airport Commission  
Helen Riehle, South Burlington City Council  
Thomas Chittenden, South Burlington City Council  
Meaghan Emery, South Burlington City Council  
Kevin Dorn, South Burlington City Manager  
Paul Connor, South Burlington City Planner  
Col. John Johnston, Vermont Army Guard  
Col. Chris Tumilowicz, Vermont Air Guard  
Col. David Smith, Vermont Air Guard  
Ron Bazman, FAA Air Traffic Manager  
Seth Leonard, Winooski Mayor  
Jessie Baker, Winooski City Planner  
Paul Smith, Winooski Communications Coordinator  
Carmen Sargent, South Burlington  
George Maille, South Burlington  
Clayton & Gail Holmes, South Burlington  
Miranda Juriswold, The Other Paper

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**1.0 WELCOME, PURPOSE & MISSION**

Nic Longo opened the fourth quarterly meeting of the Sound Mitigation Committee at 5:06 PM and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were done.

**2.0 UPDATES**

The following updates were given:

- Noise Use and Re-Use Plan is being finalized. The plan includes an inventory of each parcel acquired to date. The airport must tell the FAA how the property will be used in the future. South Burlington has submitted comments and the airport will be responding. It is hoped to have the plan wrapped up this summer.
- The airport continues to work with the homeowners who volunteered for the acquisition program. The airport hopes to wrap up the acquisition program so the noise mitigation program can begin.
- The grant application for the Noise Exposure Map has been advanced to 2018 because FAA is willing to look at the application.

Paul Connor, South Burlington Planner, asked if the grant application advancement is based on available funds or other factors. Nic Longo said funding is the main factor, but there are others. Accurate accounting of F-35 data is a high priority, too. Timing of the NCP (Noise Compatibility Program) is also a factor.

George Maille asked about the model that will be used to determine noise performance data. David Crandall, HMMH, said there are two measures: an updated model of the noise distance curve which includes new F-35 data, and performance data. There have been discussions with the Air Force on how the aircraft perform at Burlington Airport to determine performance characteristics. The FAA and Air Force will agree on the technical information to go into the model. Either the FAA AEDT model (Aviation Environmental Design Tool) or a combination of the noise map and DOD noise map will be used. FAA Headquarters will make the decision. Nic Longo added the airport has been working with the Air Force on obtaining higher resolution, more detailed mapping of the EIS.

There was continued discussion of the noise model. It was stressed that whatever data are used must be accurate relative to how aircraft will perform at Burlington Airport. Nic Longo offered at some point in the future it may be possible to get an update on current operations and the schedule from the Air Force.

### **3.0 NCP (Noise Compatibility Program) PUBLIC MEETING ON 6/14/17**

Sarah Degutis, Jones Payne Group, gave an overview of the public open house meeting planned on June 14, 2017 to cover the Noise Compatibility Program which is part of the FAA Part 150 process and how to transition from acquisitions to some of the other mitigation strategies. The format of the kickoff meeting will include information stations staffed by different consultants. Three areas will be addressed: (1) schedule, goals, options for the program; (2) potential land use measures; (3) current Noise Exposure Map (2020). The public can offer comments and ask questions. Social media, Front Porch Forum, BTV website, local newspaper, and direct mailing to addresses within the noise contour lines will be used to advertise the meeting(s).

Jessie Baker, Winooski, said the open house is appreciated though more notice would have been good. Ms. Baker suggested the airport hire a consultant who is an expert with social media communication to advertise future meetings. Paul Smith, Winooski's Communications Coordinator, offered to provide advice and assistance.

Paul Connor, South Burlington, suggested doing a hotlink to Facebook and advertising meetings at least two weeks in advance. Nic Longo said airport staff will take the matter under advisement.

George Maille asked about aviation easement language. Nic Longo said the language has not yet been developed. Sarah Degutis said there is available language already drafted in the regulations that can be used. George Maille asked about a real estate disclosure, noting that assessments by real estate agents must be taken into consideration. Nationally,

depending on the location of the property the assessment can be adversely affected by between 2% to 25%. Nic Longo confirmed there is a real estate disclosure requirement from the regional real estate board for property within a certain area of the airport based on the F-35 EIS. Amanda Clayton offered to provide the disclosure language on the property she recently purchased near the airport.

#### **4.0 NCP UPDATE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE DETAILS**

Sarah Degutis reported in addition to the Sound Mitigation Committee the invitation will be extended to the school district, St. Michael's College, Community College of Vermont, and the City of Burlington to provide input/comments on land use mitigation alternatives and communication between the public and the committee and the airport. The committee is advisory only, not decision making. There will be various opportunities to receive information and give feedback such as at the public open house meeting, Airport Commission meetings, advisory committee meetings and public hearing. There will be up to five advisory committee meetings beginning in August or September. When necessary the Sound Mitigation Committee meeting could piggyback on the NCP Advisory Committee meeting.

Helen Riehle, South Burlington, asked how the process will work. Diane Carter, Jones Payne Group, said there will be robust discussion on issues to come to a general consensus. The airport will make any final decisions. Gene Richards added the airport wants input from the community and an end result that works well for everyone.

George Maille said after the airport gets a feel for what programs will be supported by the FAA the homeowners need details on the individual programs, such as how the assessment will be done and will it be based on a particular model, and where the comparable properties will be from (within or outside the contour). Diane Carter assured information on how the process works, cost estimates, schedules, and more will be provided.

Seth Leonard, Winooski Mayor, asked for clarification of the decision the airport will be making and the rules for composition of the advisory group. David Crandall, HMMH, said the airport operator submits the Noise Compatibility Program to the FAA and the FAA regulations detail who is involved in the advisory group (members will be property owners within the land use jurisdiction and airport operations personnel).

Col. David Smith, Air Guard, asked if the Sound Mitigation Committee will disband. Nic Longo said both committees will be retained and meet as needed. Sarah Degutis added the focus is on the NCP now and then will go back to broader sound mitigation.

Thomas Chittenden, South Burlington, asked if the expectation is crafted by the FAA and suggested the wording say the "outcomes and consensus will be incorporated and considered by the airport" rather than saying "decision making entity". Amanda Clayton pointed out the FAA provides the funding and states the rules. Diane Carter added the FAA will either approve or disapprove each measure being presented by the airport. The FAA will not change a measure. David Crandall stated if a measure is approved the language must match the grant language to be eligible for funding. Thomas Chittenden

asked what might happen if the committee recommends a berm is the best mitigation option. Nic Longo said he will check on this. The advisory committee in a public setting will discuss the pros/cons and feasibility of the options as well as what makes sense. Thomas Chittenden asked if the Airport Commission approved the last NCP. Nic Longo will investigate the matter. Amanda Clayton said there have been major airport planning efforts that were approved by the Airport Commission.

Jessie Baker, Winooski, said the advisory committee will be giving guidance and advice on programs that will not be funded and maps that will not be developed so the advice is being sought for the hypothetical. Ms. Baker reiterated a political communication strategist is needed to explain how the NCP was developed, adopted, and implemented. Nic Longo agreed the process is difficult on both sides.

Paul Connor, South Burlington, urged being clear to the extent possible as soon as possible.

George Maille asked what the FAA triggers are to start a new Part 150 NCP process and which one can realistically be used. Nic Longo will investigate the matter and provide the information at the next meeting.

## **5.0 COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Nic Longo said the presentation on the communication plan by Katherine Decarreau will be postponed until the next meeting when Ms. Decarreau can attend.

## **6.0 NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS GRAPHIC**

Nic Longo reported in 2013 and 2014 there were 738 calls received regarding both military and commercial aircraft and 638 of the calls (86%) were from the same 15 people. As of 2015 the military began a hotline for complaints about military aircraft. The airport in 2015 received 24 calls on commercial aircraft from 11 people. In 2016 the airport received 14 calls from nine people. In 2017 the airport has received one call to date.

Carmen Sargent, South Burlington, said the statistics on calls are meaningless and not a true picture of what is happening without the military noise included. Nic Longo said on the civilian side the airport tries to make adjustments as much as possible.

## **7.0 WRAP UP & CLOSING**

First meeting of Advisory Committee: September (date TBA)

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.