

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2018 MEETING OF  
THE GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT (KGON) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Present: Robert Browning, Syma Ebbin, Carly Myers, Barry Pallanck, Kurt Sendlein, Carl Strand Jr., Eric Thompson.

1. Mr. Thompson opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.
  
2. Minutes: There were no minutes from the October 2017 meeting. This led to an extended discussion of the role and purpose of the Advisory Committee. The consensus of those present was that the Committee continues to have an important role as a liaison between the local community, the Town of Groton and the Connecticut Airport Authority. Mr. Strand said that he would talk with the Groton Town Manager to see if there was any way the town could provide administrative assistance to the Committee.
  
3. Report on air traffic activities: Mr. Sendlein presented the fourth quarter 2017 report. The fourth quarter Total Traffic Operations Count by Groton air traffic control tower was 10,137 compared to 8,166 in 2016 and 8,950 in 2015. Monthly traffic counts for the 4th quarter were: October- 4,465, November- 3,299, and December- 2,373. The respective months in 2016 were 2,939, 2,638, and 2,589. I did not have a report of the current aircraft inventory
  
4. Report on noise complaints/low-flying aircraft and efforts to abate noise: Mr. Sendlein reported that there were two complaints for the fourth quarter. One was from the Jupiter Point area and one from Noank.
  
5. Status discussions: Status items were reported on by Mr. Pallanck.
  
6. Other matters and activities: There was discussion about the status of the proposed project to remove height obstructions to the airport approaches. Once planning and environmental assessments are complete a public hearing on the proposal will be conducted.
  
7. **The next quarterly advisory committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 24, 2018, starting at 7:00 PM at the Airport Terminal Building.**
  
8. The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 PM.

Carl Strand for the Committee