

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2018 MEETING OF
THE GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT (KGON) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present: Robert Browning, Franz Edson, Carly Myers, Barry Pallanck, Strand Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 1905 at the Groton Airport.

Salient points made at this meeting are as follows:

- As Eric Thompson was ill and could not attend, Carl Strand agreed to chair the meeting.
- Carl indicated he has asked Town Manager John Burt for help regarding documentation of minutes and other administrative duties. Until John gets back to him, Franz Edson agreed to record the minutes
- Barry Pallanck reported that the airport had its highest activity since 2008, with over 3700 operations. This continues an overall trend of increased activity at the airport. Barry stated there was one noise complaint for the quarter, stemming from a low flying CT Air National Guard aircraft on a training flight.
- Barry indicated there has been an increase in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), commonly know as drones, activity at the airport. Although most of these are legitimate requests, there are still several rogue actors flying UAS' in controlled airspace.
- The Airport Open House will be held on August 19, 2018. A new focus this year will be on Industry that supports aviation.
- Barry stated that CT DOT has installed new signs on I95 that direct traffic to the airport in a more expeditious manner.
- Barry went on to say that the CAA has provided a notification in the Hartford Courant that the CAA has completed the Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal at several local CT airports, including Groton. In addition, the wildlife fence is in for permitting. Barry noted that it will not be a "chain link" fence, rather, it will be what's known as a mammal fence.
- Regarding facility maintenance, Barry stated the Runway 5/23 reconstruction probably won't be started until 2021, with the Runway 15/33 work following a few years later. Additional projects include resurfacing the entrance and parking lots and replacing windows in the terminal. However, those projects are a function of funding availability and synergy with other potential infrastructure projects.
- The next meeting will be on July 24 at the Groton Airport.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully submitted

Franz R. Edson