

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2019 MEETING OF
THE GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT (KGON) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present: Carly Myers, Barry Pallanck, Kurt Sendlein, Carl Strand

Carl Strand opened the meeting at 7:05 pm

The minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting were passed to file with no comments.

- Kurt Sendlein reported that aircraft activity continues to be at its highest level during the first quarter for more than ten years at this time of year with approximately 12,000 operations. He noted that the flight school has been active and fuel sales have been up. All areas of the airport show the trend.
- There were a small number of noise complaints. Another report of very low flying aircraft over Noank was again reported. The tower reported that it was a Connecticut National Guard C-130 doing touch and go operations within accepted parameters. A second evening report was a Rhode Island National Guard C-130 doing preparations for deployment. In a third complaint it was noted that abatement procedures are voluntary and sometimes the tower requests deviations due to other traffic. The final complaint could not be verified. Mr. Sendlein has spoken with flight school instructors and others about noise abatement procedures. Mr. Pallanck noted again that it is not like it used to be with many complaints and many people at meetings. We must be doing something right.
- The FAA Part 139 compliance inspection was done. In general the inspection was good with a couple of minor discrepancies. One involving a pavement issue will require some attention. No issues have been reported on the subject of safety and security.
- Mr. Pallanck reported that a project will be done to remove old fuel storage tanks from the fuel farm and from several buildings. Conversion to natural gas will take place.
- Stantec Consultants has been hired to handle the design of the easement acquisition plan for the obstruction removal project. It is a somewhat complex problem and they need to do due diligence. Project definition should be completed sometime in early 2020 but actual obstruction removal probably would not occur before 2021.
- Mr. Pallanck reported that the wildlife fencing project is moving forward, permits are in for that. The wildlife fencing project should be going out to bid shortly. The fencing will be designed specifically for the locations. If all goes well with that, construction might start as early as this fall.
- Mr. Pallanck noted that an earlier start for signage and lighting on runway 5-23 is being investigated. The actual resurfacing project is tentatively scheduled for 2022.
- The Open House for National Aviation Day is planned for the weekend before on August 17 and 18. That has always been a popular even and will continue in the same pattern if possible. In addition to all the aircraft/airport related events, passport applications were available last year and hope to be this year as well. They are hoping to have a Connecticut National Guard C-130 at the event also. The people involved in the 2020 Census also asked if they could attend to promote public awareness of its occurrence next year.
- It was agreed to begin meeting at 5:00 pm rather than 7:00. This is far more convenient for all.

The next quarterly advisory committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019, starting at 5:00 pm at the Groton New Airport Terminal.

The meeting ended at 7:53 pm.

Carl Strand for the Committee