



The TOWN OF NORWOOD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

NORWOOD AIRPORT COMMISSION

Mark P. Ryan, *Chairman*

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POSTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NORWOOD AIRPORT COMMISSION WILL BE HELD:

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Norwood Airport Commission Meeting Room
111 Access Road
Mark C. Welch Administration Building (Building #9)
Norwood, MA 02062

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The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Items listed for executive session may be discussed in open session, in addition to or in lieu of discussion in executive session.

MEETING AGENDA

1. PROJECTS

AIP project update: *DuBois & King*

2. MINUTES

10/18/2023 regular business meeting

3. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

4. NEW BUSINESS

Norwood Trails Advisory Committee – airport trail proposal.

Snow Contract – P.J.Hayes, Inc.

Snow Contract – Francis D Ciavattone Construction

5. OLD BUSINESS

Aircraft overflights in the Winfield St. /Rock St. neighborhood.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Joseph Greeley, chairman, *Norwood Trails Advisory Committee* to the *Norwood Airport Commission*, re: Norwood Airport/Foul Meadow Trail
Alternative trail options 8.28.2023

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose 3 for executive session (M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3)) – To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Norwood Airport Commission: *Boston Executive Helicopters, LLC* v. Town of Norwood et al., U.S. District Court-Massachusetts Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-13647-RGS and state court litigation involving BEH and FlightLevel.

Norwood Airport Commission
October 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT

Mark Ryan, Chair
Michael Sheehan, Vice Chair

Mark Raymond, Airport Manager
Emily Manning, Recording Secretary

Meeting being recorded by NCM, Norwood Record (Matt MacDonald), Boston Executive Helicopters (Christopher Donovan Jr.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

PROJECTS

AIP Project Update: DuBois & King

Mr. Raymond provided the update. The parking lot project and Taxiway C project were both completed, with a final inspection for both scheduled. The Runway 1028 project was pushed back to March 2024.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Raymond provided an update on monthly revenues.

MOTION to approve the Airport Manager's report made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Ryan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result 2-0-0 (Approved)

OLD BUSINESS

Aircraft Overflights in the Winfield St./Rock St. Neighborhood

Ed Costello, 152 Rock Street, stated that it had been quiet as of late in the area. He wondered if the Norwood Control Tower operators could advise pilots on take off and landing, advising them of the noise abatement. Mr. Ryan shared that advising pilots could be a liability for the FAA.

Mr. Raymond shared an email with the public from Horizon Aviation, who advised their pilots of the noise abatement. Catherine Folan, 74 Winfield Street, wondered if the email was the result of a noisy day a few weeks back.

MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting made by Mr. Sheehan.
Seconded by Mr. Ryan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result 2-0-0 (Approved)

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Tony Mazzucco, Town Manager, to Mina S. Makariou, Anderson & Kreiger LLP, re: Aircraft Overflights in the Winfield St./Rock St. Neighborhood; Norwood Airport Curfew By-Law

MOTION to post the correspondence on file made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Ryan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result 2-0-0 (Approved)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter Executive Session made by Mr. Sheehan. Seconded by Mr. Ryan

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Sheehan: Yes

Mr. Ryan: Yes

Result 2-0-0 (Approved)

Regular session will be adjourned during the Executive Session

Minutes respectfully submitted by Emily Manning

TO: NORWOOD AIRPORT COMMISSION
FROM: MARK RAYMOND, AIRPORT MANAGER
RE: MANAGER'S REPORT: 10/18/23—11/7/23

— Major Projects/Issues—

Airport Parking Lot – EV Charging Stations

During the week of October 23rd, the Norwood Light Department and the Norwood D.P.W. installed two EV charging stations in the main airport parking lot.

Taxiway “C” Project/ Airport Parking Lot Project

The final inspections of the taxiway “C” reconstruction/realignment project and the airport parking lot project were performed on October 19th. Representatives from the *FAA, Mass-Dot-Aeronautics Division, J&J Contractors*, engineering consultant *DuBois & King* and *Norwood Airport* were in attendance.

Monthly Revenues

For the month of October one deposit was posted to the Treasurer’s office. This totaled \$22,760.55 in payments.

Landing Fees – Third Quarter 2023

For the months of July, August, and September the airport collected \$14,550.00 in landing fees.

Monthly Fuel Flowage

For the month of October, *Flight Level’s* bills of lading for fuel totaled 46,676 gallons. At \$.07/gallon, the Town received \$3,267.32 in flowage fees.

For the month of October, *Boston Executive Helicopter’s* bills of lading for fuel totaled 7,491 gallons. At \$.07/gallon, the Town received \$524.37 in flowage fees.



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NORWOOD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOSEPH P. GREELEY, *Chair*

LEE LEACH, *Secretary*

Norwood Airport/Fowl Meadow Trail Alternative Trail Options 8.28.2023

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTAC) presented a proposal and request to the Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) in October 2022 to allow access along the outer Neponset River boundary. The request was to evaluate and develop a non – paved walking trail to allow passage from town owned property on Meadow Street to town owned property on University Ave in Norwood. The trail would enable access and enjoyment of the Neponset River never before possible. It would be a vital leg of the contemplated "Norwood TIOT Trail", a 20+ mile trail travelling the inner-circumference of the town. Longer term, it could provide replacement of the missing section of the Warner Trail and the Eastern Greenway, a parallel long distance trail leading from Rhode Island to the Blue Hills.

As a follow up to the proposal, NAC requested that the NTAC evaluate and propose trails that could serve as alternatives to the initially proposed Neponset River trail. The goal of these alternatives is to achieve the intended open space link while avoiding airport property altogether. NTAC has evaluated several alternative trail options, and arrived at only 2 feasible alternatives. Details of these alternatives, and the corresponding map are as follows:

The blue trail is the primary, originally proposed path connecting Meadow Street with University Ave., traveling outside the operations fence, and at all times traveling in close proximity to the Neponset River bank. This walking trail is well outside of the Airport's security / wildlife fence.

The magenta trail, **Trail Alternative 1**, runs along Canton's Farnham/Connelly Memorial Park (Canton Airport site). This route would be to cross over Interstate 95 and connect with the path in Canton. This route would include the construction of at least 2 bridges in Canton that span the Neponset River. After the 2nd bridge, the trail could fork in one direction or another, both of which would need to pass over the MBTA/Amtrak tracks in the vicinity of Shawmut Road in Canton. This pedestrian overpass would require approval from several governmental agencies. Beyond this site, an additional bridge would then be required to bring the trail across the Neponset and back into Norwood in the vicinity of University Road (a gated road) and Dedham St. Not only would these river and railroad crossings be time- and cost-prohibitive, they would require approvals from another town, private property owners, and multiple transportation agencies. Lastly, this option would result in the Norwood TIOT Emerald Necklace Trail no longer being a Norwood trail system.

The red trail, **Trail Alternative 2**, would require walkers to traverse 1.5 miles of paved roadway through neighborhoods and along Access Road and the Boston Providence Highway (Route 1). Neither of these roads have sidewalks. The path would then require a private property easement through the Norwood Country Club property, and require a new footbridge over Purgatory Brook. This route would travel across the approach path to runway 17/35, and would be eliminated in the event of any future runway extension project.

In summary, none of the evaluated alternatives are viable or user-friendly, and even if attainable, would require significant additional development time, funding and access agreements. These alternatives would ignore

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miles of pristine riverbank trails, and rob Norwood residents and hikers equitable access to the town's limited natural resources and best scenic vistas.

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee appreciates the time and consideration from the Norwood Airport Commission. It is understood that in the future, if the trail becomes a nuisance to the Airport or interferes with any Airport expansion, the trail would be removed at the expense of the Town of Norwood and not the Norwood Memorial Airport, FAA or MassDOT. We are available to discuss our proposed primary route development plan, along with the alternate routes listed here. We look forward to a mutually beneficial result and outcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Greeley

Joe Greeley
Norwood Trails Advisory Committee
8/28/2023

