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To: Mary Jo Rossetti

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Mary Jo,

Thanks for letting me know about the meeting yesterday. I found it to be very useful and I thought encouraging. I'm attaching a copy of the PowerPoint presentation from last night. I felt like Prof. Hansman (the MIT professor who is undertaking the community noise reduction analysis) understood the problem of repetitive noise from airplanes. He specifically mentioned runway 33L as generating the most complaints and being a primary target of his study to mitigate the impact. Also, much of his analysis is based on noise complaints to Logan, so hopefully all of the complaints we have filed will make a difference! He will recommend a way of mitigating the frequency of airplane noise and then it will be up to Massport and the FAA to implement his recommendations. This study does not seem to go to some of the other issues that affect Somerville, such as a plan for runway use and the affect of Hanscom airspace. Timeframe for implementing the study is still TBD and the FAA could object to its recommendations on any number of grounds (safety, efficiency, etc.)

The room was packed and the speakers very passionate. Maybe four or five members of the state legislature spoke first and then CAC advisory members. Wig Zamore spoke and was great on identifying this as problem not limited to particular communities and also as a public health issue. So many members of the community spoke that they ran out of time and had to close the room. In general, everyone in the room was much more skeptical about the promise of the study than I was. Many of the people there had spent years (if not decades) dealing with Massport and described many broken promises. They also believed the study would not do enough and were concerned about increasing airport traffic and the expansion of Terminal E. A number of the speakers were emotional and one (from Hull) even spoke about the fact she would sell her home and move if the study did not produce positive results or was not implemented quickly. I hope that the number of people at the meeting and the passion of their arguments made an impression on Massprort and the FAA. We'll see!

Thanks so much for continuing to push this issue. We are certainly not alone!

Mike