

The Plymouth Airport Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday July 10th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room in the Airport Administration Building. Present were Chairman Kenneth Fosdick, Vice-Chairman Douglas Crociati, and Commissioners Karin Goulian, Paul Worcester, Peter Conner, and Chris Merrill. Also present at the meeting were Airport Manager Matt Cardillo, Brendan Nordahl, Tony Caruso, Lorraine Ramsey, Paul Rudzinski, Jeff Adler (remote), Ryan Roy (remote), John Borland, Mark Kaloshis (remote), Ed James, Joe Ricci (remote, 7:11), and Bill Keohan (7:36). Commissioner Tom Hurley was excused.

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OPEN MEETING - Chairman Fosdick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and he welcomed new Airport Commissioner Peter Conner to the Commission. He said that he looks forward to working with Mr. Conner.

VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Commissioner Worcester made a motion, in accordance with Mass General Law, Chapter 90, Section 51E, where members of the Airport Commission shall be able to choose the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission, to appoint Ken Fosdick as Chairman and Doug Crociati as Vice Chairman for one more year. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0-2. Chairman Fosdick and Vice Chairman Crociati abstained.

Chairman Fosdick and Vice Chairman Crociati thanked everyone for their support.

APPROVAL OF June 5th MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Paul Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5th, 2025. Commissioner Karin Goulian seconded the motion. The motion carried. 5-0-1. Commissioner Peter Conner abstained.

REVIEW NOISE/SAFETY COMPLAINTS

Manager Matt Cardillo said that there were 36 noise complaints for the month of June, and he said that after investigation of each one, none were found to have any safety issues, or any state, local or federal violations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorraine Ramsey asked, regarding the noise complaints, if anyone knew which planes they were, and why they were at the airport. Mr. Fosdick explained again that the noise log states what type of plane each is, and what they are doing. He said that the majority are training planes doing pattern work, which is required of them.

APPOINTMENTS

7:08 PM – John Borland, Proposed Building Update

John Borland said that he will start pushing for more to be done next week. Mr. Borland also said that his goal is to be working in his space by winter, and that hopefully he will have a permanent building by then.

7:11 PM – Elks Club Proposed Building Update

Paul Rudzinski of the Elks Club said that the mechanical should be ready by next week for a rough inspection. There was some discussion about the tie-in fee, and about where to tie in. He also said that they may now be on track for opening in October.

7:16 PM – Marc/Jason Hangar Development

Manager Cardillo said that Eversource is asking for an easement, and he sent the request to Attorney Galvin.

Vice Chairman Crociati made a motion to sign the easement request. Commissioner Worcester seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6-0-0.

7:18 PM – Dubois & King, Jeff Adler

Jeff Adler said that they are moving with the permitting for the projects of the Master Plan. He said that they had submitted a checklist to EPA, and they received a response regarding the Sole Source Aquifer. He said that the response summarily says that the projects proposed should not affect or endanger the drinking water quality of the Plymouth/Carver Sole Source Aquifer.

Chair Fosdick said that they recently split this project into two because of budgeting aspects. He said that due to recent conversations with the FAA, they may switch the order of the runway projects. He said that they may now be able to redo the runway first, although they do not have the commitment from the FAA fully yet. Mr. Adler added that it makes sense to flip the projects to do the reconstruction in FY 26 and move the extension out at least one year.

Chair Fosdick also said he would like to have a workshop type meeting sometime within the next month to discuss the enterprise fund. There was some discussion regarding the CIP, and about the runway closing while it is being reconstructed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Sign assignment of lease for Richard Carrara

Vice Chairman Crociati made a motion, pending confirmation of the owner, to grant the reassignment of the lease for the aforementioned property. Commissioner Worcester seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – Fifth Meeting Debrief

Commissioner Worcester said that the June meeting was almost 3 hours long and was very informative. He said the focus was once again Dubois & King's review of the Master Plan funding. He said there was a lot of interaction with the CAC members and the community.

Commissioner Worcester said that they also voted to formalize the CAC plan with the changes that the committee would like to make and to get it to the Select Board for their approval. He also said that at the next meeting there will be a tutorial on how the FAA determines the critical design aircraft and a presentation on noise.

Commissioner Worcester also said they discussed answering the questions from the Take Back Our Airport group. He said they also discussed how they will handle outreach.

2. South Meadow Road – Non-Aviation RFP

Tabled

3. Minimum Standards Updates

a. Hangar Storage/Usage

Tabled

4. Discussion of calm wind runway

Chairman Fosdick said that they need to decide about the calm wind runway. There was discussion that the only other option besides the current calm wind runway, 24, and that was to designate runway 33. There was some discussion about updating the directory if the change was made.

Vice Chairman Crociati said that he is favor of switching the calm wind runway to 33 to ease the burden on the people east of the airport for a little while.

There was some discussion about talking to the FAA about the switch.

Commissioner Merrill made a motion to change the calm wind runway to 33 based upon a conversation with FAA and ATC (Air Traffic Control), to make sure that it is agreeable and optimal. Vice Chairman Crociati seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6-0-0.

5. Sewer Rate Discussion

Chairman Fosdick said that sewer rates will be discussed at the workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Edaville Railroad/Renaissance Fair Overflow parking proposal

Ryan Roy from the Renaissance Fair said that he is looking to utilize the airport for overflow parking in the latter half of their season, September 28th through October 19th, on Saturdays and Sundays during the hours of noon to 7:30 PM. He said that they are hoping to hear that it is a definite possibility, and if it is, then they would present the whole plan at next month's meeting.

There was discussion about where the cars would be parked, and about traffic heading into South Meadow Road. Chairman Fosdick said that they also must figure out what an appropriate fee would be. The Commission asked Mr. Roy some questions about insurance and how many cars they think would need to be parked. Mr. Roy said that they have proper insurance, and they may need parking for about 400 cars, but it will vary. Mr. Roy also said that they would have shuttles taking people to the fair from the airport. There was more discussion between Mr. Roy and the Commission regarding logistics and fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ramsey asked again about the CAC and its purpose. Chairman Fosdick said that he has explained this to her many times. He said that the CAC is a way to have a public comment and to have informed information so that people can understand what the airport and the Commission does. Ms. Ramsey also said that the meetings are not posted anywhere, and Commissioner Worcester told her again that they are posted on the town's website. She also asked who oversees the CAC and was once again told that the Select Board is the appointing authority of the CAC.

Ms. Ramsey asked again about the non-aviation use of hangars. Chairman Fosdick explained to her about the FAA advisory. He also explained to her about how people utilize their hangars at Plymouth Airport.

Adjourn: Vice Chairman Crociati made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Worcester seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-0.

As there was no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Approved
Kenneth Fosdick, Chairman