



## MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8TH, 2020 AT 10:30PM

Virtual Meeting Hosted – Zoom by RingCentral

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Carlon, Jerry Falbo, Thomas Dougherty, Maura Zlody, Wig Zamore, Roseanne Bongiovanni, Alan Wright  
In Attendance: Jennifer Dopazo Gilbert, Counsel; Stephanie Ackley, Executive Assistant; Fritz Sanzone, Massport; Anthony Gallagher, Massport; Thomas Butler, Massport.

#### Welcome to the Virtual Meeting

The meeting commenced at 10:37 AM, and attendance was taken by roll call. The Chair welcomed all guests to the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Zamore to approve the minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Falbo and approved by roll call vote; Mr. Carlon abstained.

#### Massport Request for Temporary Expense Reduction

Mr. Gallagher read a memorandum from Massport that had not yet been provided to the MCAC but was later sent to the Executive Committee Meeting. The statement explained that due to the ongoing pandemic, there have been significant impacts to Boston Logan Airport, with flight activity down about 50% and passenger levels down by over 70%. Massport is having to embark on difficult but necessary staff reductions and has already implemented drastic cuts in their operating budget and capital programs. They believe industry recovery is four to five years away. As they continue to evaluate operational and financial conditions, they intend to keep the Massport CA informed. Massport hopes that the MCAC will cooperate in the cost reduction efforts and offered a revised budget of \$220,000 for FY21. (The amount originally provided in Massport's statement of \$320K was later corrected to \$220,000). Mr. Carlon explained that this amount is different than what was discussed directly with Ms. Weiland, and that clarification is needed. Mr. Carlon then reviewed the revised draft budget to hold the line on our expenses. This would postpone the Executive Director Search, but still allow staff, legal expenses, and accounting. Mr. Zamore suggested that we table the approval of the budget until the next meeting, once the committee had clear amounts and approvals. Mr. Wright suggested that the committee obtain further explanation as to how Massport is coming up with their 4-5-year recovery projection. Mr. Zamore agreed, and explained that by January 2022 with be a year of rapid recovery, that Massport will be in a much different position in 2022, and that 4-5 years seems very inaccurate. Mr. Falbo appreciates the reductions that Massport is dealing with but is concerned about the timeframe for the Executive Director Search. Mr. Carlon explained that he has discussed with Ms. Weiland and that they will need to establish some type of trigger to reestablish our funding. Mr. Sanzone, Massport Budget Director, added that with the 4-year recovery it is an estimate and Massport hopes it will be shorter than that. Mr. Carlon asked to clarify the budget amounts, and why the committee has been presented something different than what was discussed.

#### Treasurer's Update

##### *FY21 Q2 Update*

Mr. Dougherty provided the committee with an update regarding where the budget stands so far. Q2 Spending as of November 30<sup>th</sup> totaled \$34,030.86, October spending was \$30,612.02, November spending was \$6,820.20, December's projected spending was \$13,914.79, and FY21 Q2 was projected at \$51,347.01, which was originally budgeted at \$69,632. This amount was \$18,285.45 under the budgeted amount for FY21 Q2. He explained that the Administrative Support Salary will be approximately \$3,200 overbudget for Q2 due to increased need for admin staff. Additionally, Legal is expected to be over-budget in Q2 due to the additional hours needed for work associated with Community Paradigm Associates (Executive Director Search and FY21 Goals). There were also several items related to the Executive Directors departure which were below budget. Most other line items are in line with the budget or under budget. Staff was working on preparing our request for Q3 funding from Massport.

#### Executive Director Search Update

Ms. Bongiovanni explained that the Search Committee planned on meeting the following week, she has provided the Search Committee with updates regarding the budget restraint request by Massport, and that the search will be put on hold.

#### FY21 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Carlon discussed the Goals and Objectives, and that staff has drafted a survey that can be reviewed by the Executive Committee soon. Ms. Ackley will coordinate with Bernie Lynch for a final review and see that we can have this first step taken soon. Mr. Zamore added that Europe's environmental health community is fully integrated with the populations they serve, and Canada is as well. In Boston, we have one of the largest research communities in a small area. It would be interesting to understand the activities within the academic community that relate to our interests and whether we might be able to integrate a bit better long term to help move



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from conversational points to more science-based review.

### Runway 4L Environmental Assessment Update

Mr. Dougherty explained that the comment period has ended. He added that a combined set of Environmental Assessment comments was submitted by: Congressman Stephen Lynch; Boston City Councilors Andrea Campbell and Ricardo Arroyo; State Senator Walter Timilty; Stat Representative William Driscoll; and the Milton Select Board. The FAA said they will respond in early 2021.

### Environment and Health Subcommittee Update

Mr. Carlon explained that we are waiting to schedule with Kevin Lane of BU School of Public Health. Mr. Lane may have pre-recorded presentations that we could share on our website, and then host a Q & A session regarding the materials. Mr. Zamore believes it is worth trying to get the Environment and Health Subcommittee to be on a regular schedule so that members can meet more regularly. Mr. Carlon explained it is easier to host these meetings now in the virtual world, and that there is more opportunity. Mr. Zamore added that obtaining specific data from Massport and with assistance from the local academic community, the committee could be lightyears ahead. Mr. Carlon asked Mr. Gallagher for an update on the contour map, that it is long overdue.

### Airport Noise Mitigation Discussion

Mr. Carlon discussed the previous meetings presentation from Fred Massaro, and that there was a cost assessment on insulation of homes done by Tom Glynn of Massport. The committee has requested this type of analysis, specifically the cost to insulate or reinsulate homes, so that when the discussions happen with Congresswoman Clark and Congressman Lynch's office, we would have an analysis completed so that there is a clear answer. He had been told that Massport does not have this information, and he feels that the committee has been stonewalled on this subject. Mr. Wright added that it should not be complicated to come up with an appropriate number. Mr. Carlon suggested the committee craft a request to Massport for this to be done. Mr. Butler explained that Ms. Weiland had taken a big step to advocate the FAA to go back and retreat homes. Mr. Zlody added that some of the homes passed with the pressure tests, but they windows do not open anymore. Mr. Butler explained that they will get him any relevant analysis they have done, and that he will work with Mr. Gallagher to provide this to the committee. Mr. Carlon will work to draft a letter with Counsel to then provide a formal request for this information from Massport. Mr. Falbo added that the contour map status will make a different to this subject as well.

### Update from Massport

#### *COVID-19 Update*

Mr. Gallagher explained that Massport is offering testing at terminals and continue to follow Governor's orders for best practices.

#### *RNAV Study Update*

Mr. Gallagher explained that the MIT teams is hoping to bring forth recommendations in early 2021. They have requested that if any community is looking for a regional update or working group product to reach out so those meetings can happen. He has not had any new requests for additional meetings. Mr. Carlon explained that North Shore Communities of the MCAC have indicated that they would like a meeting, and staff will work with Mr. Gallagher to coordinate this.

### New Business

Ms. Ackley provided a brief update regarding the office space and rental agreement which will be cancelled as part of the budget constraints. Counsel will allow mail to be forwarded to her office.

### Correspondence

Town of Braintree Letter of Opposition

City of Quincy Letter of Opposition

Mr. Carlon explained that these letters were circulated to share the positions of the two member communities. Mr. Falbo added that the letters were also sent to the FAA and Massport.

### Public Comment

Gina Cassetta, Winthrop – regarding the Fly Quiet Report, she wondered why noise monitor 5 was used, and not monitor 4, which was over Point Shirley. Regarding the Noise Contour, she had participated in a call requesting the new contour in September. Finally, she wants to give her support and gratitude to Mr. Carlon for his comments with regards to the soundproofing. She was in the meeting with the Speaker of the House, Mr. Butler, and State Legislators, and the goal of the meeting was to present two things; enlighten everyone to the fact that Point Shirley residents are being exposed to 73.9 DNL levels and that many homes that have Generation 1 windows are degrading. The FAA had no plan in place to address quality issues long term.

Scott Mahoney-Wright, Winthrop – Has there been a date or timeline to when members of the public can expect answers to the question's submitted to the FAA regarding the alternative metric report. Secondly, why are these meetings being recorded so that



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people can listen in at another time.

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carlon, seconded by Mr. Zamore and approved unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned.

### Documents Associated with this Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from 11-10-2020 Executive Committee Meeting