



Tweed New Haven Airport Authority (TNHAA)
Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)
Organizing Workshop
Minutes of May 23, 2023

Via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Tom Rafter, Rose Chatterton, Ken Dagliere, Linda Hennessey, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Michael Jones, Giovanni Zinn, Jasmine Peele and Mike Piscitelli.

Members absent: Chuck Licata, David Valentino

Chairman Rafter opened the meeting at approximately 2:10. Mr. Rafter thanked everyone for their patience in getting this committee back on track and explained that this is being considered an organizational workshop to discuss the framework and guidelines for committee meetings. After introductions, Mr. Rafter reviewed the next twelve-month schedule for regular meetings to be held virtually at 2:00 PM on third Tuesday of the months of June (6/20/23), August (8/18/23), October (10/17/23) December (12/19/23), February (2/20/24), and April (4/16/24). A discussion was held about the format of the meetings, and Mr. Rafter indicated he would endeavor to have agendas for the Committee prior to the meeting, and asked if members had any items for inclusion to please send them to him. A suggestion was made by Mr. Dagliere to include on the agenda a public comment section where the public would be given three minutes to voice their comments/concerns. The purpose of the Committee was discussed briefly with further discussion later in the meeting. Mr. Rafter explained that he believed that environmental stewardship and sustainability of the airport were both part of the Committee's purpose, with stewardship relating to being good stewards of the asset and sustainability a more long-term approach to how the airport will consider environmental sustainability.

Mr. Rafter then provided a brief update on the Status of the Environmental Assessment stating that the consultant has been compiling the questions & comments and developing responses that will be sent to FAA by the end of this month who will review and provide a determination hopefully no later than early July. He also advised that the annual Mayor/Alder Public meeting will be held at the Nathan Hale School on June 7, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Dagliere asked about the authority of the committee, and its ability to take any action. A discussion ensued where Mr. Piscitelli indicated that the City, through lease compliance provisions, can act if necessary. It was also discussed that if other actions were necessary, items from these meetings could be brought to the attention of the TNHAA. Mr. Rafter indicated that he would include in his monthly report to the TNHAA the results of the ESC meetings. Further discussion was held regarding the issues and items to be discussed in the ESC meetings. Mr. Rafter mentioned that he would hope to include any environmental/operational issues that may be of public concern as well as possibly addressing public comments from prior meetings. Mr. Zinn also suggested topics of national importance relating to Environmental Stewardship of airports. Ms. Peele indicated that there are standards and procedures for conducting ESC meetings. Mr. Rafter asked if she could provide him with these resources. Ms. Peele agreed to forward to Mr. Rafter.



Hearing no other topics for discussion, the meeting was concluded at approximately 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Rafter