



Tweed New Haven Airport Authority (TNHAA)

Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)

Minutes of February 18, 2025 via Zoom

Attendance

Members in Attendance: Ken Dagliere, Chuck Licata, Rose Chatterton, David Valentino, Giovanni Zinn, Michael Jones, Jeremy Nielson, and Tom Rafter.

Members Absent: Linda Hennessey, Carlos Eyzaguirre, and Justin Donaldson.

Others in Attendance: Tom Cavaliere and Malena Zanjani.

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2024 Meeting
2. Updates
 - a. Noise Website
 - b. Sound Insulation Phase
 - i. Program Update
 - ii. Current Project Status
 - c. HEPA Filters
 - d. REVO
3. Next Meeting – Date, Time, Topics

Minutes

The Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) meeting was called to order by Chairman Rafter at 2:04 PM. The minutes from the December 17, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Ms. Chatterton and a second by Mr. Licata.

Mr. Cavaliere provided an update on the recently launched noise website, which includes comprehensive information on noise management programs, a WebTrak dashboard for tracking aircraft activity, and a request form for portable noise monitors. Two monitors have been deployed at the north and south ends of the runway to collect decibel readings and filter out non-aircraft noise. The data collected will help assess noise impact areas and support long-term mitigation strategies. Public response has been positive, with improved accuracy in noise reports. The committee discussed additional outreach efforts to ensure broader community awareness.

Mr. Rafter provided an update on the sound insulation program, noting that historical efforts have insulated 155 properties and 181 dwellings with a total construction investment of approximately \$7.7 million. The current program, based on Environmental Assessment (EA) modeling, identified 12 homes eligible for insulation, but current FAA funding supports only six, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 per home. Additional funding will determine further expansions. A new Part 150 study is planned post-runway expansion to reassess community noise impacts.

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Mr. Cavaliere also reported that the airport is finalizing coordination with the city on the HEPA filter program, which includes defining eligibility criteria, program details, and the rollout timeline. A report will be provided once these details are confirmed.

Mr. Jones updated the committee on REVO's hydrogen vehicle initiative. A permit is being submitted to the City of New Haven for a hydrogen fueling station at the airport, which will include two Level 2 EV charging stations. The initiative aims to retrofit shuttle buses and an airport vehicle for hydrogen fuel use, contributing to the airport's goal of achieving zero emissions.

The committee discussed traffic management concerns, with Ms. Chatterton advocating for directing more traffic onto Woodward Avenue instead of Townsend Avenue, particularly near school zones. Mr. Zinn explained that existing traffic patterns align with airport operations and that signage is being installed to direct vehicles away from school areas. The discussion also covered potential future traffic impacts once the new terminal on the east side is operational.

Regarding transportation access, Mr. Valentino raised concerns about the lack of Uber service at the airport. Mr. Jones clarified that Lyft and M7 taxis currently serve the airport.

With no further topics to discuss, Ms. Chatterton moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Valentino seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned unanimously at approximately 2:42 PM. The next ESC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM.