

Gail Lattrell, FAA
New England Region, Airport Division
12 New England Executive Park
Burlington, Massachusetts 01803-5299

*Sent to Stratford DeBulle
02/27/09*

December 16, 2008

Dear Gail Lattrell:

Protect Your Environment of Stratford (PYE) Has obtained 545 signatures on a petition calling for " No relocation of Main Street(next to runway 24 end at Sikorsky Memorial Airport), No change of Airport footprint, and No increase in noise and exhaust fumes".

We maintain that the Airport is safe and if it is not safe it must be closed immediately.

PYE is requesting a formal Public Hearing on the proposed changes to Sikorsky Memorial Airport so the residents living in the Stratford/Milford area can voice their opinion regarding the impact on the community as required prior to any implementation of FAA proposals.

Further, PYE is requesting a study of wildlife-aircraft strikes as Sikorsky Memorial Airport is at the center of 12-13 natural environmental sources providing habitat for many species of birds and animals. For reasons of aircraft safety, FAA requires due consideration of the potential for accidents prior to any implementation that expand the use of the airport.

PYE reminds the general public that had the FAA followed the 1980 recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board(NTSB) the eight passenger deaths following the April 1994 crash at the airport would have been averted. And, that after the crash the NTSB recommendation was not for more runway safety area but a different type of material in the fence that would protect the fuel tanks.

So now, Stratford is asked to relocate a historical road (Main Street Route 113) into Lordship built by the early colonist so the FAA can install EMAS material designed to stop aircraft over-runs only for those weighing 25,000 pounds or more. This request by the FAA is in place of installing a new fence at the end of the runway... remember— that the other fence was able to stop the April crash without killing anyone.

It is clear that the FAA goal for Sikorsky Memorial Airport is not based on safety but on expansion. PYE disagrees with this FAA goal.

C.C. Stratford Mayor James Miron. CT. DEP. US Senator C. Dodd.
Sincerely, Marcia Stewart, President PYE (203) 375-3270.

1. Attachment: FAA Faces Call For.....

Sent to Secretary Dan D'Amico

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It is stipulated that the above provision shall not apply to leases in existence at the time of execution of this agreement nor to any extensions, renewals or assignments of said leases, provided that ownership of any assignee is maintained by the assignor of said lease. A list of said leases, rent and terms for each is attached hereto and made Exhibit A.

7. There is presently pending in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Fairfield at Bridgeport certain matters entitled Dockets Numbers 158918-0 and 1611172, titled TOWN OF STRATFORD V. CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, wherein the Town of Stratford is seeking a declaratory judgment, temporary and permanent injunction and other relief against certain activities of the City of Bridgeport with respect to the acquisition of property at the airport.

8. In consideration for the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Town of Stratford hereby grants to the City of Bridgeport, permission to purchase the properties for which the City of Bridgeport has received deeds for conveyances since 1961, and will and hereby does grant to said City of Bridgeport the right to negotiate for the purchase of any property or any interests therein, and, upon agreement with the property owner, to the said purchases thereof, which it is obliged to acquire under an agreement with the F.A.A. under Grant Agreement ADAP 03, and the State of Connecticut, and such other properties which constitute clear zone, approach zone, and transition zone in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77, and hereby approves any and all such conveyances without further action on the part of the Town of Stratford. It is further stipulated and agreed that all such acquisitions pursuant to Federal Aviation Regulation 77 shall be solely for clear zone, approach zone and transition zone purposes, any structures situated thereon shall be removed and said properties maintained in their natural state, and no change in such use from its natural state shall be made by the City of Bridgeport without the prior consent of the Town of Stratford.

9. It is further stipulated and agreed that the Town of Stratford hereby agrees to waive its right to collect taxes on those properties acquired by the City of Bridgeport since 1961, except as otherwise provided herein.

10. In consideration for the above, the City of Bridgeport hereby recognizes and acknowledges that it has the obligation under existing federal and state case law and statutes of receiving permission from the Town of Stratford for the acquisition of land for the purposes of extension of the airport runways, and permission from the Town of Stratford for the extension of any of the airport runways.

11. Further, the City of Bridgeport hereby represents, stipulates and agrees that the land purchased between 1961 and the present time and all properties designated as clear zone, transition zone, approach zones and primary surface areas, except as presently developed, shall remain in their natural state; that no structures will be permitted on the land acquired; no growth will be permitted which will violate the criteria defined under Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77, obstructions to Air-Navigation; the land will be maintained in a natural condition; and further that the City of Bridgeport will not change the existing use of the land until the environmental, social and economic impact of the change is considered and evaluated under the procedures and requirements of the law then in effect, it being understood, however, that all rights pre-existing this Agreement shall be expressly reserved for both parties except as set forth herein.

12. The Town of Stratford hereby recognizes the importance of preserving the safety and viability of the Sikorsky Memorial Airport and further agrees that upon request, it shall review and consider all proposals for improving the safety and viability of airport operations.