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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectmen
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator
RE: Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee
DATE: June 19, 2015

On Friday May 29, I attended a meeting regarding Logan Airport airplane traffic and its impact on Wenham that was precipitated by a Lord's Hill resident, Jill Romano. This meeting was attended by Rep. Hill, Sen. Tarr, and several Massport officials who presented an overview of the airport's operations generally and their specific impact on Wenham overflights.

Due to a confluence of circumstances over the past two years, Wenham in general, and the Lord's Hill neighborhood in particular, have seen a dramatic increase in the number of overflights, especially in the summer months when there is a prevailing southwest wind. The two primary reasons for this increase are the integration of new, more sophisticated GPS technologies and new FAA requirements for that govern how intersecting runways are treated.

While our legislative delegation is exploring various regulatory options to help address these increased overflights, there is also an advocacy mechanism in place that many other area communities already participate in: the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Each municipality within a certain radius of the airport is entitled to appoint a representative to this committee to voice community concerns directly to Massport. Wenham has never appointed a representative to participate in the CAC.

Given her interest in this topic, the work that she has done thus far, and her willingness to represent Wenham's interests, I recommend that the Board appoint Jill Romano to a three-year term on the CAC through June 30, 2018.