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## Re: MMC Relocated Helipad - sound Impacts

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**Anne Pringle** <oldmayor@maine.rr.com>

Thu, Aug 1, 2019 at 2:42 PM

To: Jean Fraser <jf@portlandmaine.gov>

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Thanks for this promote and very helpful clarification, Jean. We look forward to meeting when the revised SMP is in hand. Keep us posted!

Anne

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 1, 2019, at 12:36 PM, Jean Fraser <jf@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Anne

I attach the Planning Board's Approval letter and you will see that condition iii reads:

- i. That within 9 months of the date of this site plan approval the applicant shall submit a "*Sound Measurement Plan*" for review and approval by the Planning Authority, for assessing the actual changes in sound impacts on nearby properties between the helipad operating at the existing site and at the new location, including criteria for mitigation where such impacts are severe based on appropriate national standards. The "*Sound Measurement Plan*" is required in the event that the predicted sound levels are incorrect, and it shall be approved and implemented at least 2 months before the helipad is relocated;

The current status is that MMC submitted a *Sound Management Plan* (SMP) in December which the city had peer-reviewed by the firm who did the original assessments for the current helipad. MMC recently submitted a revised SMP (attached) to address our Peer Reviewer comments and that is currently under review.

The condition was included because the helipad was moving nearer to some residential areas and the frequency of LifeFlights was stated to be increasing significantly over the next 5 years - and the measuring points used by MMC's consultants were historic (ie related to the original assessment in 2003-2004). But because the new helipad is 100 feet higher than the existing one, the general view during the site plan review in early 2018 was that the sound would be attenuated and only the area immediately adjacent to the East

Tower would be potentially impacted (and the current SMP acknowledges that).

The development of the SMP has been informed by input from sound consultants and neighbors questions, and it is currently under discussion though needs to be finalized in the near future.

While we are happy to meet with interested neighbors any time, I think a meeting would be more productive if we wait until we have MMC's revised SMP in hand, to help focus the discussion. Nell Donaldson (in Planning Division) attends the NAC meetings and will continue to provide coordination/liaison on this issue.

thank you  
Jean

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On Thu, Aug 1, 2019 at 5:43 AM Anne Pringle <[oldmayor@maine.rr.com](mailto:oldmayor@maine.rr.com)> wrote:

Thanks, Jean.

I have been on the fringes of this issue. What is the condition in question? Has it been established that it is not being met, so a mitigation plan is being developed?

A meeting once you receive the revised plan would be fine. We had been hoping to be updated by the next NAC meeting.

Anne

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 31, 2019, at 4:51 PM, Jean Fraser <[jf@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:jf@portlandmaine.gov)> wrote:

Hello Anne

My apologies for the delay in responding to your voicemail.

We are still discussing with the applicant how best to meet the condition and anticipate receiving a revised version of the *Sound Management Plan* (per condition of March 2018 approval) in the very near future.

We suggest that once we have that we would be happy to share it and convene a meeting with neighbors (including you, Alvah and Sara Anne Donnelly, and any others who are interested or contact

us) to answer questions and clarify some of the technical considerations that inform the final review.

Right now I am not sure of the timing, and will check with MMC on that and get back to you.

thank you  
Jean

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