

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT ACTIVITIES

December 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Chairman E. Sapienza called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen E. Sapienza, Terrio, Kantor, Burkush

Absent: Alderman Vincent

Messrs.: T. Kitchens

TABLED ITEM

1. Communication from Ted Kitchens, Airport Director, requesting approval of the Airport Carbon Accreditation Policy.
(Note: Tabled 11/18/24.)

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to remove the item from the table.*

Alderman E. Sapienza asked has everyone read the policy and does anyone have any questions or concerns. Would anybody like a presentation?

Ted Kitchens, Airport Director, stated if you look at how we are going to cutback carbon, and remember this is just Scope 1 so these are things that are directly within our control, so our vehicle replacements if it makes economical sense as I mentioned in the letter. If it passes a benefit cost analysis, those would be things we would do on an as needed basis going forward. I think in the totality of carbon, obviously that is going to be a much larger question about what Eversource does and those are outside of Scope 1 emissions. We are just looking at things within our control. This is something that is becoming more and more important to the airlines that we speak to. They are taking a leadership role, particularly United and Delta, in sustainable aviation fuel and other things that help reduce the amount of carbon emission that aircraft are using or discharging into the environment throughout their flight path. Again, Scope 1 is just things that are within our control. We will be looking at these things as they come forward. As I said in the letter, this does not obligate us to any costs right now. If, for example, we need to replace airport administration vehicles, we will do a benefit cost analysis of whether or not it makes sense to get a plug-in hybrid or an EV versus continuing with a combustion engine.

Alderman Terrio stated I was reading the letter and I can't really think of a lot of things where you...I can see how the airlines can reduce their carbon footprint and you mentioned solar arrays but what else besides the vehicles...are you thinking about maybe doing a solar farm on airport property.

Mr. Kitchens responded we already have that on top of the parking garage.

Alderman Terrio stated I drive by the airport almost every day to avoid the tolls and I never noticed it.

Mr. Kitchens stated yes they are up there but there are also some parcels of land that we are having discussions about because they are not really developable and have a lot of ledge and odd shapes that could be used for solar. We are talking to some developer about that. It is just a good way to turn something that is a cost center right now because we have to retain that property, into a revenue center for the airport by leasing the ground out to the developer. Those opportunities are presenting themselves and we are looking into that. I think another way is looking at some of our aging HVAC equipment where we are in need of replacing some of it. I am sure there are newer models. We have some units that are using refrigerant that you can't find any more because they are so old and if you do find it, it is very expensive. I think looking at those targeted improvements as they come up to the end of their life cycle and then making smart decisions going forward is all we are really saying. You are right. If you look at the total scope, airports are a very small piece of it compared to Scope 2 which is the emissions that are a result of Eversource or whoever your utility provider is and Scope 3 which is the airlines and the passengers driving into the airport and all of these other things. That is Scope 3. If you look at it in totality, the airport is a small piece.

Alderman Terrio stated it seems like key pumps are the wave of the future in HVAC equipment.

*On motion of **Alderman Burkush**, duly seconded by **Alderman Terrio**, it was voted to approve.*

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Terrio**, duly seconded by **Alderman Kantor**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Clerk of Committee