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AIRPORT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE, AIRPORT TOURS ON AUG. 15

The Nantucket Memorial Airport and Airport Commission are hosting an “Open House” for residents and visitors on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hangar 3 on Airport Road near the terminal. The Open House will feature displays about current activities at the airport; trends and issues with air travel; noise; and more. Following a short presentation and question-and-answer period at 6:00 p.m., a bus will transport attendees on a tour around the airport. Displays will be available for the entire Open House.

Tom Rafter, Airport Manager, said, “We look forward to meeting residents and others to show what goes on at the airport, talk about issues and opportunities as the fleet mix and other factors change, and how the airport plans to deal with change.” He said the airport will continue to reach out after the Open House, listen, and provide information to residents, businesses, and others as airport master planning continues.

Rafter said the Airport, the Airport Commission, and the airport’s consultants look forward to talking with residents and others about key issues at the airport. The airport will have displays

highlighting a sample of 8 or 9 issues and will have staff on hand to talk with attendees about these and other issues.

One of the topics that will be reviewed at the Open House is “What Does the Airport Do?” The display describes Nantucket Airport as a Commercial Service-Primary Airport serving 175,000 passengers per year. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controls airspace and flight patterns while TSA controls security zones and procedures. Additionally, FAA and MassDOT set standards for safety, operations and staff; and a steady stream of passenger jets, corporate jets and air-taxis create constant demands. Because the Airport is required to meet all FAA, State and TSA standards on daily/hourly basis, the Airport must respond and adapt to these outside mandates. The presentation and question-and-answer at 6:00 p.m. will include a discussion of these issues and more.

For information about the Open House and tours, see www.nantucketairport.com or call 508-325-5303.

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